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Finance, CPA negotiate $2.2M OPA fee arrears

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» Finance opposes bill that exempts some autonomous agencies from 1% OPA fee

» CPA, Senate president, House speaker, OPA, FAA to meet to discuss 1% OPA fee

Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig has opposed a bill that would exempt public corporations and autonomous agencies from paying the 1% Office of the Public Auditor fee, even as he disclosed that Finance is negotiating with the Commonwealth Ports Authority to settle CPA's estimated $2.2 million arrears in OPA fee.

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Palacios still in ICU; feels 'much better'

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios remains in the Intensive Care Unit at The Queens Healthcare Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, according to the latest update yesterday from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. It said Palacios continues to undergo tests and described him as "in high spirits and feels much better this week."

"He wishes to thank everyone for the outpouring of support from the community that came in the form of thoughts, prayers, and visits. He would also like to apologize to anyone who came to visit him but were unable to because of the limited access to patients in the ICU," the statement adds.

Palacios

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The Bistro Boyz, Tyler's Gelatte Stone, and the Smoked Out crew revitalized the As Matuis Bus Stop last April 4, 2022, promoting a comfortable and safe bus shelter for students who are waiting to get picked up by the Public School System transportation.
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The Bistro Boyz with Tyler's Gelatte Stone and Smoked Out Crew and Marianas High School took top spots in the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' Marianas Village Pride Adopt-A-Bus Stop beautification competition.

The Bistro Boyz, Tyler's

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Program eyed for CUC to help the public cope with rising gas prices

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres disclosed Friday that they are talking with Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Gary P. Camacho on how to help the community with the rising fuel prices.

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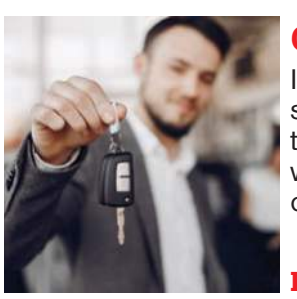
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SHSS Interact Club inducts new members; honors others

Members of the Saipan Southern High School Interact Club are presented with plaques. Other photo shows them posing for a photo with Rotaract Club president Richard Baleares. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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The Saipan Southern High School Interact Club held its 4th Annual Recognition Day Program last Saturday at the Rotary Club of Saipan Pavilion in Sugar Dock, during which they inducted new members and recognized outstanding club members.

A total of 11 new members were inducted for the school year 2022 to 2023, which means the school's Interact Club will have 29 members in all for the school year. Interact Club is the the youth arm of the Rotary Club of Saipan.

The occasion was also the club's Recognition Day, intended to honor members who have worked hard in the areas of service for the school and community. The recipient of the Interact Spirit Award was Yu Ling Chai. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Noel Justin Roque. The Long Service Award and Outstanding Leadership Award was given to Angel Faith Soguilon. The Interactor of the Year recipients were Raphael Gariguez and Reymar Isip.

The club president position was also passed down to Jessie Lynn Reyes and the new club vice president is John Lloyd Tuquero.

A total of 26 members of the high school's Interact Club, Rotary Club of Saipan past president Greg Borja, Rotaract Club of Saipan president Richard Baleares, and Interact Club director Genelin Camacho were also present for the ceremony.

Camacho said the club typically has a service project every month. "It could either be a beach cleanup or a fundraiser or a service project. In April we had a canned food and relief drive for Karidat. …And then we also would like to honor our outgoing members who have served in the club for their contribution to the success of our school events and community events."

The club was established at SSHS back in 2017 and is the newest Interact club among the high schools on Saipan.

CNMI is approved for $16.2 million CDBG-MIT funds

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced yesterday that the CNMI will soon be receiving $16.225 million in Community Development Block Grant–Mitigation funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"On June 4, 2022, HUD formally notified the CNMI that it approved the CDBG-MIT Action Plan prepared by the CNMI's lead agency, Northern Marianas Housing Corp., and consequently sent NMHC the initial grant agreement for my information, review and approval. Similar to CDBG-DR funding, CDBG-MIT funding comes as another historic milestone for the CNMI in that this will be the first time the CNMI will be receiving and administering this HUD grant," said Torres.

The governor further disclosed that NMHC plans to use CDBG-MIT funds to cover smaller CDBG-DR infrastructure projects. By leveraging CDBG-MIT funds, CDBG-DR funds allocated for CDBG-DR infrastructure projects can be reprogrammed to support CDBG-DR Housing Programs, which translates to assisting more eligible families build new homes or rehabilitate existing homes, Torres added.

"I am very pleased and grateful. …I want to extend my gratitude to the NMHC [leadership's] strong leadership and continued hard work and dedication in securing much-needed federal assistance for the CNMI as we continue to rebuild a resilient and stronger CNMI," Torres said.

U.S. Public Laws 115-254 and 116-20 authorized the appropriations of the sum of $243 million to the CNMI in response to presidentially declared disasters: Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu. Subsequently and less than a year later, HUD awarded an additional $10 million to the CNMI, increasing the total allocation of CDBG-DR funds to $254 million.

In the formal notification to NMHC's corporate director, HUD stated, "The department is pleased to advise you that it is approving the [CNMI] Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant mitigation funds appropriated by the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 Public Law 116-20. On Jan. 6, 2021, the department allocated $16,225,000 to the CNMI to help mitigate risks associated with natural disasters that occurred in 2018. This letter transmits the enclosed CDBG-MIT grant agreement for the CNMI, which will be administered under grant number B-19-DT-69-0001.

"Upon receipt of the grant agreement signed and executed by HUD and the CNMI government, NMHC will present the draft program policies and procedures to the NMHC board of directors for adoption and have these proposed regulations promulgated and published in the *Commonwealth Register*. After adoption and publication of CDBG-MIT program regulations, NMHC will launch the CDBG-MIT program. [Fifty percent] of CDBG-MIT funds or $8,112,000 must be spent on HUD-identified 'Most Impacted and Distressed' areas. For the CNMI, HUD identified the municipalities of Saipan and Tinian as MID areas," said NMHC corporate director Jesse S. Palacios.

"The CDBG-MIT Program would not be possible without the continued strong support of Gov. Torres and the NMHC board of directors. Meetings and coordination with various CNMI government partners were facilitated by our active and responsive governor and NMHC board of directors. I want to also recognize and thank Mr. Kimo M. Rosario, NMHC's CDBG-DR program manager, for taking the lead in getting the grant application moving from the outset and ultimately, HUD's approval of NMHC's CDBG-MIT Action Plan. Mr. Rosario, along with our HUD-paid consultant (ICF) and Pacific Coastal Resources and Planning, developed the CDBG-MIT Action Plan, CDBG-MIT Implementation Plan and Capacity Assessment, and CDBG-MIT policies and procedures. The CDBG-MIT program will be administered by the CDBG-DR program manager, NMHC's deputy corporate director, NMHC's chief financial officer, and me. For more information on CDBG-MIT, visit our website at: https://www.cnmi-cdbg-dr.com/CDBG-MIT/," Palacios added. ***(PR)***

'Equipment for DPS officers are bought via procurement process'

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero said Friday that some equipment that police officers have been using were purchased via the procurement process and that he does not have the luxury to select specific brands favored by some.

"With the procurement process…my hands are tied," said Guerrero in response to a question raised by Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) during the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee hearing on the DPS budget for fiscal year 2023.

According to Propst, he has received complaints from some police officers who wish to remain anonymous, but had met with him. Propst said these police officers showed him some of their equipment and photos taken of them.

"One of the things that they talked about was their belt. They explained how it was…made [of] really cheap material," the lawmaker said.

He said some of the police officers had to use their own money to purchase U.S.-made or better brands.

Propst said he has also spoken to these officers with regard to having to pay to fix the damage to their uniforms or replace them. "What is the current rule with regard to the uniforms if they need a new uniform? Is it out of pocket from them? Or does the department pay for it?" he asked.

Guerrero said the equipment are purchased through a bidding system under the procurement process. The commissioner said if they bid out any purchase, they just give the specification and a lot of the equipment that are made in China meet the specifications.

Guerrero said that when officers say that they need a specific equipment, DPS helps get those items for them. He said it's the same thing with uniforms. In fact, he said, they just ordered three additional uniforms per officer.

Guerrero said he does not believe that officers pay for their own uniform and other equipment.

Propst asked if there are specific standards that are in place in the procurement process.

Propst said he saw one of the belts, but he could feel the material was obviously not sturdy.

"So my question is, for procurement purposes, couldn't standards be put in, you know, made in the U.S. only or something to that effect?" the lawmaker asked.

Guerrero said they tried that with vehicles, as far as making sure that they're made in America. For some items, though, Guerrero said they don't apply to DPS. "I've been told that I cannot be very specific enough where I'm targeting a particular brand," he said.

Unfortunately, he said, a lot of these items are not readily available on island and they have to be ordered.

In his answer to the question of Ways and Means Committee vice chair Rep. Corina L. Magofna (D-Saipan), Guerrero said if the officers or staff had to go out and buy items out of their own pocket, DPS honors their reimbursement requests.

$20K cash bail for 2 accused of sexually abusing minors

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The Superior Court has imposed a $20,000 cash bail each on two men for allegedly molesting minors.

Venitus "Vince" Ruwaath, 41, and Bernardo Rey Rago, 44, are each charged with sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and disturbing the peace in two separate cases.

Ruwaath and Rago both appeared before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho for a bail hearing where the judge imposed a $20,000 cash bail on each defendant.

Ruwaath was remanded back to Department of Corrections custody after the hearing while Rago was allowed to be released to a third-party custodian after submitting a $20,000 unsecured bond.

Rago's two third-party custodians are a police officer and a neighbor. He will be placed under house arrest but will be allowed to leave his home to go fishing, provided he is with one of his third-party custodians.

Both men were ordered to return to court on June 13 at 9am for an arraignment. Ruwaath, however, was also ordered to appear on June 10 for a preliminary hearing while Rago waived his preliminary hearing.

According to the complaint against Ruwaath, police received a walk-in complaint of a sexual abuse of a minor case on March 27, 2022.

The father of the minor reported the alleged incident.

During a forensic interview, the victim told authorities that the incident happened sometime in June 2020. She said she was in bed in a room watching YouTube videos when the defendant entered the room and started touching her inappropriately.

The complaint against Rago stated that the incident in his case happened two years ago, but was reported to the authorities on March 19, 2022, by the minor's mother.

The minor, who was 10 years old at the time of the incident, told authorities that the defendant inappropriately touched her on three separate occasions at his home whenever her mother dropped her off in the afternoon.

On another occasion at a beach, Rago allegedly inappropriately touched the victim while she was swimming.

Emergency water service interruption in Susupe

There will be an emergency scheduled water service interruption for the Department of Public Safety Logistics facility on Tekken Street, Susupe today, Tuesday, June 7, 2022, from 8:30am to 3pm.

This will allow the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s contractor for the Islandwide Water Meter Installation Project to perform water meter system improvements and leak repair at the Department of Public Safety Logistics facility. Customers should expect restoration of water services soon after.

CUC appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding as we continue to provide reliable service to the people of the CNMI.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and aims to address the non-revenue water problem in the CNMI.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.comlCommonwealthUtilities-Corporation/). ***(PR)***

CPA

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At the same meeting before the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee yesterday regarding House Hill 22-102, CPA board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds said their issue is primarily with the airport because there are different rules that apply to the seaport.

King-Hinds said they don't have an issue paying the 1% OPA fee for seaport because it's a different set of rules that apply. "There is no issue with revenue diversion down at the seaport," she said.

The issue at this point, she said, is not necessarily the money, but the law itself. "It is not our position. It is the [Federal Aviation Administration's] position," King-Hinds said.

King-Hinds also disclosed that Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) arranged a meeting for today, Tuesday, with CPA and FAA representatives to discuss FAA's issue with OPA's 1% fee with respect to CPA's airports.

At the same Ways and Means meeting yesterday, Public Auditor Kina B. Peter Peter reiterated her previous House communication that the proposed legislation—which would now require OPA to identify a revenue stream and determine the appropriate calculation—is going to potentially impair OPA's independence.

"Why wouldn't we go out and audit or investigate an entity that can pay the most? So how do you draw the line in terms of independence when you're also trying to figure out a way to fine your own entity?" Peter asked.

Atalig said the Commonwealth has a responsibility to strictly adhere to the laws, statutes, and regulations intended to protect government resources from misuse.

Atalig said the Commonwealth government operates with a significant volume of federal and local assets and other resources requiring strict internal controls.

He said OPA is a critical component in ensuring these resources are protected and individuals adhere to these controls meant to protect public resources.

Consequently, he said, they must ensure OPA is able to receive the resources necessary for their continued operations.

He said excluding public corporation and autonomous agencies from paying the 1% fee sets a potential harmful precedent for the other organizations currently under some financial constraints.

Atalig said the compounding effects of additional exemptions to this funding model for OPA would diminish the resources for an already underfunded office.

He said OPA will need support so they may continue the operations they're mandated by law.

To allow the OPA to charge fees for their services will take away their ability to be independent in their audits and reviews of agencies, including public corporations and autonomous agencies, he added.

In response to Rep. Christina Sablan's (D-Saipan) question, Atalig said they did discuss CPA's arrears and they're negotiating to settle that.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

PALACIOS

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Palacios, 66, was rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center last Tuesday after he collapsed during a break while giving testimony in the criminal case against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres at the Guma Hustisia.

The statement said that Palacios expresses his appreciation for the fast action taken by the Emergency Medical Technicians from the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services who arrived in the courtroom moments after they received the call.

"I can never repay them. They were the first responders and they got me out of there in no time and put me in a better situation," he said.

Palacios also thanked Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for personally coordinating with the Department of Defense for his safe transport to Hawaii.

"I want to thank him for working things out with the Department of the Air Force to have that C117 ready to take off the next day. I wasn't aware how quickly things came together in the early evening to evacuate me off-island," Palacios said. "Our community is a small community and we set aside these major sometimes dramatic differences when the need arises. We're decent people, God-fearing people and we look out for each other under any circumstances."

The lieutenant governor expressed his appreciation for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. medical team, the staff with the CNMI Medical Referral Program on Saipan and Honolulu, the Department of Defense, the flight crew that assisted him from Saipan to Hawaii, his friends and family and, most especially, his wife, Wella.

The office said it will continue to provide updates as they become available. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

UA hosts inaugural Safety and Health Fair

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United Airlines hosted its inaugural Safety and Health Fair yesterday at the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport to promote not only airline safety but overall health and wellness to members of the CNMI community.

In what is being hoped as the start of many, United Airlines Saipan's first Safety and Health Fair proved to be a success, with dozens of community members availing of the many services that were provided.

"We're really excited. We think it'll be an annual event, and we want to expand it. Today, we took baby steps, we wanted to start slow and make sure we do a good job for the community. It's all about our community, and we're just so blessed to have everybody," said Dave Baker, general manager for United Airlines Saipan.

Baker explained that having this kind of fair once a year is important because it helps ensure that health and safety awareness not just for children, but for adults as well.

"Anytime you can talk about safety, it helps elevate everybody's awareness. The more we can do these kinds of events, and we get the community to help each other, we're just better off," he said.

Among the service providers present were the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, which talked about home and airport fire safety.

According to firefighter Edward Dela Cruz Jr., ARFF wants to share the importance of smoke alarms and fire extinguishers and how to use them.

"So here at our booth right now, we have smoke alarms and fire extinguishers, smoke alarms for fire and home prevention. We're talking about the importance of safety, of being able to find out if you're going to have a fire in your rooms. And then for the fire extinguisher, is it's imperative for everybody to know how to utilize an extinguisher. It could be at your home, it could be at your school, it could be in your workplace. It's really important for people to know how to use these," he said.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther Muña also came with a team to provide blood pressure and blood sugar checks as well as flu shots.

In addition to the physical health services, the CHCC team also provided information and awareness on mental health.

"We think that's super important. Whether you're a member of the community or at work, mental health is really important," Baker noted.

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MVP

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Gelatte Stone, and Smoked Out crew won in the business category, winning a $1,000 hardware store credit from the ACE Hardware Saipan. The crew enhanced the As Matuis Bus Stop last April 4.

MHS placed first in the school category, winning a $1,000 store credit for sports equipment from the AllStar Sporting Goods. The school's staff and students enhanced the Commissioner Joaquin S. Tudela Community Park's bus stop in San Vicente last April 8.

Within the same month, the 4H Marianas – Saipan 4Hers transformed the Gualo Rai bus stop last April 27. GCEA extends a special thanks to the Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios for helping the 4-Hers fix the chairs, holes, and roof of the bus stop.

On April 30, 2022, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation gave the Navy Hill bus stop a long overdue paint job. The OVR will be completing its second phase of the bus stop project by the end of June.

GCEA extends a *si yu'us ma'åse', ghilisow,* and *salamat po* to the Bistro Boyz, Tyler's Gelatte Stone, Smoked Out Crew, Marianas High School volunteers, 4H Marianas, and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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About the Council

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' mission is to provide objective advice to CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios to ensure that future economic decisions and programs are aligned to improve the quality of life throughout The Marianas. GCEA's Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiative has drawn widespread support throughout the community. Volunteers and partners are welcome. For more information, visit cnmieconomy.com or engage with the GCEA on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy) or by email at gceacnmi@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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during a radio press briefing, Torres said they are not thinking about a gas voucher, but fuel-related that will be going to CUC.

The idea is that everyone across the CNMI can benefit and receive that kind of assistance under this program. Torres did not elaborate.

Torres was quick to clarify, though, that the increasing cost of fuel is something that the government cannot control. "And we expect this inflation because of what has transpired in the last couple of years," he added.

The governor said they are looking at CUC billing because it does affect the community.

"It is not just the price of gas for vehicle, but ultimately also at home," Torres said.

Torres recently approved the implementation of the second Local Stimulus Impact Payment that will give $500 to each eligible filer and dependent in the CNMI.

The second local stimulus will be released via debit cards that will be issued by mid-June 2022.

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Chuuk charter school aims to revive loom weaving

An innovative charter school is re-introducing old cultural skills to students on Weno, capital of the most populous state in the Federated States of Micronesia.

A distinctive form of backstrap loom weaving was once ubiquitous across the Caroline Islands, today's Federated States of Micronesia. Now the intricate work of crafting these textiles endures only in the small outer islands strung distantly between Chuuk and Yap. The Akoyikoyi School is looking to change that, hoping to bring loom weaving back to Chuuk Lagoon.

The effort was made possible in part by the donation of a handcrafted warp board, backstrap looms, peripheral weaving tools, and thread from Habele. Funding was generously provided by the Matson Foundation of Hawaii.

Akoyikoyi is a tuition-free charter school accredited by the Chuuk State Department of Education. Community involvement is an important component of Akoyikoyi school so parents are required to attend PTA meetings to stay informed and involved in their children's education.

Portions of back strap looms built for Akoyikoyi School.
HABELE FOUNDATION

The school combines both Chuukese and English native speaking staff who are needed for proper bilingual instruction and cross-cultural awareness.

Habele is a nonprofit, established by former Peace Corps volunteers, that works across Micronesia to serve students and schools. Habele's support of cultural skills developed in Yap from its sponsorship of after school mentorship programs using traditional techniques, such as carving and weaving, to imbue students with a sense of accomplishment and community participation.

Aware of Habele's WeavingConnections program, which supports Outer Island weavers who have migrated to the United States, Akoyikoyi asked Habele for a loom of the sort still used in the Western Caroline Islands.

"This school year we started a traditional skills class," explained Clark Graham, of Akoyikoyi. "The students are learning to weave coconut fronds for roofing. Plans call for them to learn how to weave other things, including coconut baskets to carry food and also the round basket used to carry breadfruit.

He explained that having "a tyr (Chuukese for "loom") would be another step in the learning process, allowing participating students to get more in touch with their traditional arts."

A personal connection adds further significance to the project. Graham's son Curt's "paternal great-grandmother was the last woman in Penia to use a tyr. "When she died, the loom was placed in her grave," recounts Graham "That marked the end of such weaving."

Penia is a village on the northeast shore of Weno. This timeline of weaving's decline in the Chuuk Lagoon appears consistent with published reports. In his widely cited Material Culture of Truk, American anthropologist Frank M. Lebar observed that, by his 1947 fieldwork "weaving had all but disappeared on Truk." LeBar identified only eight older women among his interviewees on Romonum, a lagoon island, who "knew some or all of the processes of weaving."

"It's great to be a small part of this," said Habele founder Neil Mellen, himself a former Peace Corps volunteer who taught on the Outer Islands of Yap. "The credit goes to the educators at Akoyikoyi, the weavers from Yap's Outer Islands who worked with Habele to document the weaving equipment, and the Matson Foundation who had the generosity to pay for the raw materials and shipping." ***(PR)***

Student at Akoyikoyi School practicing leaf weaving.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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The Petition to Correct:	] ACTION NO.
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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on June 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom 217A, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

	: CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-0124-CV
THE ESTATE OF SIMON ILAL,	: NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Deceased.	: Date: Thurs, June 30, 2022 Time: 10:00 A.M. Judge: Judge Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE SIMON ILAL OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Vidal Joseph Nekaifes Fitial** that has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Simon Ilal, the deceased. The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and at the time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

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Dated this 31st day of May, 2022.

/s/_____
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re the Matter of	] FCD CIVIL
The Petition to Correct:	] ACTION NO.
	] 22-0203
	]
Kwang Mi Park Quitugua	] NOTICE OF
Petitioner	] HEARING
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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on December 5, 2022 at 9:00 am in the Courtroom 217A, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio

Dated this 2nd day of June 2022.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of the Court

By: Deputy Clerk of Court

Clear Water is latest ProaPerks partner

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CUC-IFB-22-016

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Accountant – ACE2022-01
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EDITORIAL

Don't be so quick to assume the Texas school shooting won't lead to new gun laws

A decade ago, a gunman killed 20 students and six teachers at a Connecticut elementary school, and many Americans wearily asked what the hell it would take to keep people safe on campuses as gun violence metastasized in a nation where the Constitution says gun rights shall not be infringed upon.

A week ago, a gunman killed 19 students and two teachers at a Texas elementary school, and many Americans are asking the same damn question with the same level of anger and heartache. Maybe this time it'll be different. The left, the center and a larger group on the right than you might think are expressing major frustration at gun-rights activists who think that campus carnage—unique to to the U.S. in the developed world—doesn't require any new response. These activists in turn blame poor parenting, cultural malaise, violent video games, insufficient security and more for the shootings. They reject the idea that they are enabling access to firearms in a way that is a formula for recurring disaster—despite the ghoulish fact that among those under 20 years of age in the U.S., guns finally surpassed auto accidents as the leading cause of death in 2020.

Meanwhile, the one voice who matters most remains in his rut. On Tuesday, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., downplayed measures being crafted by House Democrats, which included more reliable, consistent background checks and crackdowns on proxy purchases of weapons. Instead, he said, senators are "discussing how we might be able to come together to target the problem, which is mental illness and school safety." That definition of "the problem" is a part of it.

But there are hints that progress is possible. In recent days, GOP Sens. Thom Tillis of North Carolina and John Cornyn of Texas have been speaking to their Democratic colleagues about gun legislation, and some influential cultural conservative pundits—including Ross Douthat and Hugh Hewitt—have expressed interest in a simple, powerful first step: banning anyone under 21 from buying a semi-automatic rifle. Ten days before the Texas shooting, a gunman the same age—18 years old—killed 10 people with a semi-automatic rifle at a grocery store in Buffalo, N.Y. The "slippery slope" argument—that any meaningful new gun restriction is the first step toward repeal of the Second Amendment—is a stretch when that step is keeping weapons of war out of the hands of the nation's teenagers.

Another step could be building on the words of the late Justice Antonin Scalia. The passionate defender of the Second Amendment also emphasized that the government was firmly within its rights to deny weapons to people with mental illnesses and to establish comprehensive "condi-

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Supreme Court's leak investigation is self-destructive

By STEPHEN L. CARTER
Bloomberg Opinion

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In "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy"—John le Carré's classic novel about the hunt for a traitor near the top of British Intelligence—the hero, George Smiley, tells a colleague that "the art" of being a mole "is to be one of a crowd." The greater the number of suspects, the smaller the possibility of being caught. Smiley is hauled from retirement to conduct some quiet detective work precisely because the alternative is a massive investigation that would disrupt and perhaps destroy the very institution it's designed to protect.

That's the territory the U.S. Supreme Court is poised to enter. According to news reports, the search for the leaker of Justice Samuel Alito's proposed abortion opinion has led to demands that law clerks sign affidavits under penalty of perjury and allow inspection of their cell phone records. A sitting federal judge has joined the loud clamor for a criminal investigation.

This isn't shattered trust; it's self-immolation.

And all because the leaker, described by some as a hero, prefers to remain hidden in the crowd.

With some law clerks reportedly seeking legal counsel, one can well imagine a course of events that ends in litigation, after a clerk who refuses to turn over cell phone data is fired, then sues for wrongful termination. (Key query for another day: Would the justices recuse themselves from the lawsuit?)

To be sure, internal investigations are a commonplace of our era. In some fields of endeavor, they've become sufficiently ubiquitous that the psychological literature includes advice on how to survive the process. And when it comes to leaks from the judicial branches, investigations are not new.

In 1938, for example, the Philadelphia Inquirer published a story predicting, correctly, that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court was about to strike down several new state laws restricting grand jury investigations. The furious justices interrogated the city editor, who implausibly explained that he had no sources inside the court and had based his prediction on the oral argument and a study of recent decisions.

In 1939, an incensed Illinois judge demanded to know why a prisoner he'd ordered released, one Raymond Scott, had been rearrested. He was told that the attorney general's office had received a tip that the Illinois Supreme Court was about to overturn the order and send the defendant back to jail. Thus, the prosecutor explained, "we moved to get Scott before he could flee." The judge announced that he would undertake an investigation into how word of a pending decision got to the attorney general's office. History does not record the result, but it is surely worth noting that the tip turned out to be wrong.

As everyone's been pointing out, the Supreme Court has hardly been exempt from worry over leaks. A 1919 leak of a pending railroad decision led to profiteering in the stock market, and criminal charges.

But the justices have often used more discretion in responding. A 1935 Washington Post piece about the justices' penchant for secrecy refers to a past incident in which, when a leak was suspected, "the court quietly disposed of the matter by internal investigation."

Since the leak of Justice Alito's proposed opinion, many outlets have run stories reminding us that the result in Roe itself leaked back in 1973, in an issue of Time magazine that hit the stands shortly before the decision was handed down. Then, too, there was talk among the justices of an internal investigation, perhaps even including lie detector tests. Then, too, there were fears that so intrusive a hunt would shake the foundations of the very institution it was supposed to protect.

But we should also remember the denouement. The law clerk in question, appalled at the potential damage to the institution, bravely came forward. He confessed to his boss, Justice Lewis Powell, and offered to resign. Powell forgave his clerk, but sent him to see Chief Justice Warren Burger. Burger gave the young man a stern talking-to and sent him about his business.

Perhaps the leaker of Alito's opinion possesses sufficient nobility to publicly admit culpability, and so avoid further damage to the trust that the institution requires. Else the momentum of investigation might prove unstoppable. Perhaps the leaker is too much a coward; or too much a careerist. But those of us who even in this day and age still admire the Supreme Court must hope that rather than hide in the crowd like Smiley's mole, the leaker will decide that the time has arrived to come in from the cold.

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Americans are living in fear of gun violence. And we don't have security like Ted Cruz

By JACKIE CALMES
Los Angeles Times

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Spurred by rising violence with firearms, the nation began work to write into law "the strongest gun control measures in over 40 years."

Alas for Americans, that nation is Canada.

Here in the United States, we've had three massacres in under three weeks—in Buffalo, New York, Uvalde, Texas and Tulsa, Oklahoma. And those are just the worst of 37 mass shootings in that short time.

Yet our national shame has roused a small, bipartisan band of senators to only discuss new gun-safety policies. Their ideas are modest, they concede, so we should lower our expectations.

Why would we have any expectations at all after a quarter-century in which "policymakers" have been hostage to the increasingly militant gun lobby and the gun fetishists that make up the Republican Party base?

Virtually nothing has been done to limit the weapons of war on our streets, even as private arsenals grow along with the number of dead and wounded. In states that do act, like California, conservative judges can wield a veto.

Americans are grieving this week, and not only for the victims. They're also mourning our broken nation, which can't even coalesce around policies that have bipartisan support, such as universal background checks and age limits for gun buyers.

Though the accused killers in the carnage in both Buffalo and Uvalde were 18-year-old males with assault weapons, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-NRA) told reporters that a national ban on selling rifles to people under 21 isn't even "on the table." With politicians so cowed by gun fanatics, and a Senate where rural red states hold disproportionate sway (two senators for each state gives Wyoming's 600,000 residents as much power as California's nearly 40 million people), the easy bet is always on inaction.

After each massacre, Republicans like to say of just about any one proposal, "It wouldn't have prevented the killings in [fill-in-the-blank]." Well, then, let's have a comprehensive package of provisions reflecting the lessons of decades of shootings, starting with banning high-capacity magazines, restricting ghost guns and increasing penalties for straw purchases.

Democrats in the House are acting on such a package. Yet it's likely to join other such House-passed bills, buried by Republicans in the Senate graveyard.

Maybe if officeholders lost the security protection that taxpayers provide, they'd reconsider their resistance to even modest firearm limits. They'd have to go about like the rest of us, unguarded, fearful that we or our loved ones could be the next shooting victims—at workplaces, schools, grocery stores, Walmarts, houses of worship, theaters, nightclubs.

Take Sen. Ted "Cancun" Cruz. Unlike Texas' other Republican senator, John Cornyn, Cruz is not among those trying to negotiate something after the murders of 19 fourth-graders and two teachers in their state. When a man aspires to run (again) for the presidency, he's not inclined to vex gun-loving Republican voters who brook no compromise.

Besides, Cruz has security. As his teenage daughter lamented on TikTok, "I literally have to have security following me everywhere. Like, if I want to go on a walk through the neighborhood or to my friend's house or something, I have to have like two security guards behind me the entire time."

After each massacre, Republicans denounce gun-control advocates for "politicizing" the tragedy by calling for policy action. That included Cruz, of course, after Uvalde: "I get tired of all the politicking," he told CBS. "It happens every time there is a mass shooting."

Nothing says "inured to gun violence" like casually adding "every time there is a mass shooting."

Consider another lawmaker, Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, who will chair the committee with jurisdiction over gun legislation if Republicans win control of the House in November. He told Fox News that Democrats' bills attack "2nd Amendment liberties," adding, "The answer is to make sure you have school facilities secured and you have security officers who are trained and well-equipped to protect kids and teachers."

Now if Uvalde and Buffalo didn't puncture that nauseating National Rifle Assn. nostrum—"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun"—what would? In Buffalo, the store security guard fired multiple rounds but failed to pierce the shooter's body armor; he was killed. We all know about the police officers' tragic failure in Uvalde; it's spawned a meme on social media: "Nothing says ban assault rifles like cops being scared of the shooter who has one."

Even if Congress takes meaningful action, there are still the federal courts, many stocked with Republican-appointed judges hostile to gun controls. Like the Trump judges who struck down California's age minimum for semiautomatic sales.

Soon the Supreme Court will rule in a case involving a New York law limiting the carrying of guns outside the home. The conservative majority is expected to decide against the state, and potentially expand gun rights. Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh, for one, has been eager to do so. He had strong NRA support for his confirmation. As a federal appeals court judge, he dissented in a major gun-control case and objected to describing a semiautomatic rifle as an "assault weapon."

Even so, one has to wonder whether the bloodletting of the last three weeks has affected deliberations about gun rights inside the justices' well-guarded chambers. One can hope. Because the only thing worse than legislative inaction would be judicial action that stokes our epidemic of gun violence.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Apology from RHI

On behalf of the Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School, we extend our profound apology to the family of our promotee, Juriz Eliezar M. Javier, whose name was inadvertently not mentioned during the RHI promotion ceremony.

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tions and qualifications" on the sale of firearms. It was only four years ago that then-Florida Republican Gov. Rick Scott—working with a bipartisan group of state lawmakers—signed a gun reform bill less than a month after 17 people were killed inside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The law banned firearm sales to those younger than 21, set a three-day waiting period on purchases of types of rifles and made it easier for authorities to remove weapons from people perceived as threats to the public. If a GOP-controlled state government could do this, there's hope a federal government controlled by Democrats could do the same—even if faced with GOP filibusters in an election year with Congress up for grabs.

California shows attacking this issue on multiple fronts works. Courts have thrown out some of its gun laws, but California's approach has left it with 38 percent fewer gun deaths per capita than the U.S. as a whole, destroying claims that states with the most gun laws have spotty records on gun violence.

Steps such as those seen in Florida won't be far-reaching enough for many Americans. But they are better than nothing. If a dozen or so Senate Republicans can figure this out, change is possible. Perhaps that's naive, but it is driven by the constructive hope that our nation still has the capacity to rise to the occasion—because as the mass shooting at a Tulsa, Oklahoma, medical building Wednesday night showed, our uniquely American horror won't stop without it.

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The freedom to love my trans kid as he is

By JAMEY GALLAGHER
The Baltimore Sun

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Last weekend, my son Alex graduated from Bennington College. I am incredibly proud of the young man he has become. He is much stronger than I was at his age. He knows exactly who he is. He is a poet and a scholar, who happens to be trans and gay. If it were not for gender-affirming care, I don't think he would be here today.

The fact that the state assemblies in Alabama and Texas are both passing laws that would make providing gender-affirming care a felony on the part of health care providers or "child abuse" on the part of parents is shocking.

I want to stand with those parents whose children are going through what my son went through at 12 years old, and I want to stand with those young people who are trying to become who they know they are. It's hard for me to imagine how difficult it would be to be a parent of a trans child in one of those states right now. It is challenging enough already.

Prior to going on puberty-blockers and starting to transition, my son exhibited severe symptoms of mental illness. He scratched his neck raw, he knocked on doorways before entering rooms, and he was cutting himself. That time period was one of the most difficult in my life. I knew something was wrong, but I didn't know what to do about it. I couldn't figure out how to help my child. I didn't realize at the time how much those symptoms stemmed from his gender dysphoria.

His transition was a process, and it happened a little at a time. As a parent I came to respect his decisions more and more, because it was clear that they were the right decisions for him. I didn't have enough vocabulary or understanding at the time—even though I had been to graduate school and thought I understood gender performativity—and hormone therapy seemed like a very serious road to go down.

At first I was against hormone therapy, but after a while my child convinced me, through his experiences and his attitude, that it was the right thing to do. The symptoms were getting better. He was becoming happy again.

The transition was far more difficult for him, and for other young people going through it, than it was for me. The difficulty for parents is minimal, but it is there. It takes some time to accept the changes. Once the changes are accepted, everything becomes easier. I'm not sure many people realize how much it takes for parents to come to terms with these changes, even parents like me, parents who consider themselves fully supportive.

And I know how important where you live can be to families who have a gender nonconforming child. We had moved from rural south Jersey, where the transition would have been much more difficult, to just outside Baltimore. Going to local high schools where my son was not the only trans or LGBTQ student was hugely important.

The changes are difficult, but for most trans youth they are the right ones. The myth of the poor decision has been debunked—the vast majority of young trans people don't revert. As parents, it can be difficult to trust that our children know what is right for them, but by the numbers more trans children know who they are than we might expect. We should trust them.

These assaults on trans rights come from a place of fear and derision, but we should approach this issue from a place of love. As a parent, I stand by those other parents fighting to do what is right for their own children. With all the discourse about freedom in our country today, it's ironic that one of the most basic freedoms is being denied to these parents—the freedom to love their own kids and to do what is right by them.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy, with Isolated showers. East wind around 9 mph.	Partly sunny, with Isolated showers. East wind 9 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.	Partly sunny, with a 30 percent chance of showers Partly sunny, with a high near 90.	Mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny.
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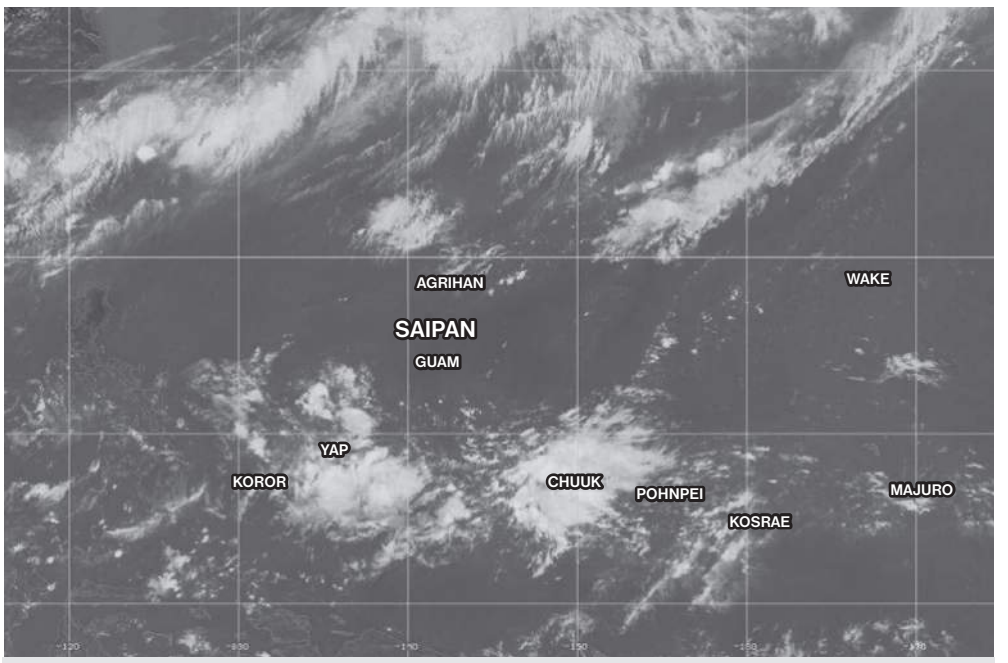

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Palau	Thunderstorms	28 / 25 °F
Yap	PM Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F
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Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	29 / 25 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	30 / 26 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	05:45 AM	18:45 PM
Wednesday	05:45 AM	18:46 PM
Thursday	05:46 AM	18:46 PM
Friday	05:46 AM	18:46 PM
Saturday	05:46 AM	18:47 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	00:04 PM	11:56 PM
Wednesday	-	00:42 PM	12:46 PM
Thursday	-	01:19 PM	13:37 PM
Friday	-	01:56 PM	14:30 PM
Saturday	-	02:36 PM	15:25 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Showers	19 / 13 °F
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	29 / 16 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	28 / 26 °F
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	29 / 22 °F
London	PM Showers	21 / 14 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	26 / 17 °F
Manila	Scattered Thunderstorms	33 / 27 °F
Melbourne	Showers	11 / 7 °F
Miami	Scattered Thunderstorms	28 / 24 °F
New York	Mostly Cloudy	25 / 20 °F
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	23 / 16 °F
Paris	Showers	22 / 15 °F
Busan	Partly Cloudy	21 / 16 °F
Rome	Mostly Sunny	34 / 19 °F
Salem	Partly Cloudy	32 / 22 °F
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	19 / 13 2F
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	24 / 13 °F
Tokyo	PM Showers	20 / 14 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	27 / 21°F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
02:01 AM	Low Tide	1.96
08:04 AM	High Tide	1.31
12:06 PM	Low Tide	1.58
7:16 PM	High Tide	0.40

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:00PM	5:20PM	7
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

A184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:00AM	1:00PM	7
BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7
7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

FOR KINDERGARTEN, 8TH, AND 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

MCS holds series of face-to-face graduation ceremonies

To conclude the 2021-2022 school year, Mount Carmel School held its annual commencement ceremonies this past week at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, many family members and friends of the school's graduates were able to attend this year's commencement ceremonies. For those unable to attend in-person, the graduation ceremonies were also streamed live online through the Mount Carmel School Facebook page.

This year, Mount Carmel School conferred diplomas for 36 kindergarten students, 55 eighth-grade students, and 52 graduating seniors.

Among the eighth-grade graduates, William Matthew B. Cano earned the title as class valedictorian, while Valerie Anne Rivera Estella earned the salutatorian award.

Among high school graduates from the Class of 2022, Aleia Carlinne Hofschneider Santos earned the title as the school's valedictorian, while Richard Jesus Mafnas Villagomez was the salutatorian.

During her welcoming remarks, MCS principal and acting president Frances Taimanao congratulated all the students and commended them for the impact they've made during a challenging school year of school closures, transitions between face-to-face and remote learning, and COVID-19 tests and restrictions, all the while promoting school spirit and excellence.

"You are a creative group of young people who have shown good character and leadership for the students in this school. You have shown leadership in your own unique ways. You have involved yourself in the school's leadership meetings, the planning of the school's strategic master plan, community services, sports, charity, island wide competitions, and much more," said Taimanao.

She also thanked the parents of the graduates. "To the dedicated parents of these graduates. Congratulations and a job well done. Thank you for all the sacrifices you made just to send your child to Mount Carmel. For this, we are forever grateful. On behalf of the board of directors, the leadership team, faculty and staff, thank you for all your support and for believing in Catholic education."

The keynote speaker for the commencement ceremony, former school president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, left many in the audience emotional. Leading with the theme about the value of time and how more often than not people tend to dedicate time to trivial situations that often do not matter, Deleon Guerrero said: "It's funny how, more than our own family and friends, we seem to pay more attention to complete strangers whose lives have absolutely no consequence to us—trolls, haters, celebrities, social influencers, or fictional characters on TV shows like Bridgerton. But, imagine also if you knew that a dear family member or a close friend were to die one year from now, one month from now, or one week from now. What would you do with that time? Would you make an effort to visit your grandparents of your own accord? Would you reach out to those who have hurt you, or those you have hurt, to make amends? Would you join the gang at the beach, return someone's call, or simply respond to a message, instead of leaving it unread?" Deleon Guerrero left the graduates with three primary lessons. First, make the most of their time. Second, make the most of other people's time. Lastly, make the most of moments of time. Bringing his speech back to the same question he asked at the beginning, "If you knew you only had 30 seconds left, what would you do? So right here, right now, let's take 30 seconds to carpe diem and savor this very moment. When I start the timer, look at your family, look at your teachers, look at your friends. Feel free to cry. Feel free to laugh. Feel free to cheer. But, whatever you do, make the most of these 30 seconds."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mount Carmel School confers 52 diplomas during her traditional commencement ceremony for the graduating class of 2022.

During each event, the following awards were presented for the eighth and twelfth-grade graduates:

12TH GRADE GRADUATES WITH HONORS

- Valedictorian: Aleia Carlinne Hofschneider Santos
- Salutatorian : Richard Jesus Mafnas Villagomez
- 1st Honor: Fiona Marielle Avengana Bucalig
- 2nd Honor: Monique Laura F. Duenas
- 3rd Honor: Hyunkyu Park
- 4th Honor: Jeremiah Jerome Hernandez Diaz
- 5th Honor: Larry Dean Tenorio Cruz
- 6th Honor: Christian Felix Cabrera Guerrero
- 7th Honor: Vaughn Andrei Abigania Mallari
- 8th Honor: Jefferey Y. Sheu
- 9th Honor: Robin Kyle M. Alvarez
- 10th Honor: Hannah D. Lacap
- 11th Honor: Kim Jun Beom
- 12th Honor: Raesyl Gerard Lopez Solis
- 13th Honor: Theresa Rose Cano Schweiger
- 14th Honor: Kaia De Jesus Travilla
- 15th Honor: Joshua Donovan Camacho Tenorio
- 16th Honor: William Nathaniel E. Ano
- 17th Honor: Yujeong Son

18th honor: Kiana Lei Manglona Propst

- 19th Honor: Ryu Jihwan
- 20th Honor: Hyunjun Kim
- 21st Honor: Christopher Adam L. Mafnas
- 22nd Honor: Regina T. Huerto
- 23rd Honor: Richard Ramon Steele

24th Honor: Cory Lee

12TH GRADE SPECIAL AWARDS

- Bishop Christian Service Award: Richard Jesus Mafnas Villagomez
- President's Award: Richard Jesus Mafnas Villagomez
- Governor's Leadership Award: Richard Jesus Mafnas Villagomez
- Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Award : Vaughn Andrei Abigania Mallari
- Outstanding Female Graduate: Aleia Carlinne Hofschneider Santos

12TH GRADE SUBJECT AWARDS

- English Language Award: Richard Jesus Mafnas Villagomez
- Science Award: Monique Laura F. Duenas
- Mathematics Award: Richard Jesus Mafnas Villagomez
- Social Science Award: Aleia Carlinne Hofschneider Santos
- Theology Award: Aleia Carlinne Hofschneider Santos
- Computer Science Award: Aleia Carlinne Hofschneider Santos
- Foreign Language Award: Yujeong Son
- Art Award: Yujeong Son
- Music Award: Jedric Nathaniel C. Villar
- Drama Award: Larry Dean Tenorio Cruz
- Speech Award: Aleia Carlinne Hofschneider Santos
- Physical/Health Education Award Female: Fiona Marielle Avengana Bucalig

Male: Jeremiah Jerome Hernandez Diaz

8TH GRADE GRADUATES WITH HONORS

- Valedictorian: William Matthew B. Cano
- Salutatorian : Valerie Anne Rivera Estella
- 1st Honor: Kayli Ari Salas
- 2nd Honor: Patricia Denielle Guillo Lugtu
- 3rd Honor: Victor Nash Maniego Santos
- 4th Honor: Jessiana Borja Tenorio
- 5th Honor: Gavril Myles Ritumalta Santiago
- 6th Honor: Leonard Jake B. Regalado
- 7th Honor: Emmanuel Cruzat Pontiveros
- 8th Honor: Kate Nicole A. Cabalbag
- 9th Honor: Mikayla Ikeda Castro
- 10th Honor: Seunghee Jeon
- 11th Honor: Chae Eun Kim
- 12th Honor: Arwen Hannah N. Bartolata
- 13th Honor: Mya AnnDrew Eve DLG. Pangelinan
- 14th Honor: Asa Vanessa Backe
- 15th Honor (Tie): Ayanna Faith Hernandez Matsumoto
- 15th Honor (Tie): Camron Zavier Santos Pangelinan
- 16th Honor: Oscar Bien Reyes Buenaflor
- 17th Honor: Heleyna Frielle Cruz Dela Santa
- 18th Honor: Quince Emanuel Olanda Tizon
- 19th Honor: Sophia Joshabelle Tenorio
- 20th Honor: Elise Furey Maratita
- 21st Honor: Ainsley Parnes Ancheta
- 22nd Honor: Andrick Poon
- 23rd Honor: Alexandria Ysabelle Dysangco
- 24th Honor: Therese Joy Obongen Ogo
- 25th Honor: Annieskha F. Arreza
- 26th Honor: Jasmine Meleana Deleon Guerrero
- 27th Honor: Lance Jericho Albuen Javier
- 28th Honor: Michael Q. Mercado, Jr.
- 29th Honor: Mikaehla Paige Reyes Mendoza
- 30th Honor: Joseph Brandon Reyes Pangelinan
- 31st Honor: Zion Jude Cing Cabrera
- 32nd Honor: Nyla-Jordan Nie Deleon Guerrero

8TH GRADE SPECIAL AWARDS

- Citizenship Award: Oscar Bien Reyes Buenaflor
- Leadership Award: Therese Joy Obongen Ogo
- Principal's Award: William Matthew B. Cano

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Mount Carmel School confers 55 diplomas during her traditional commencement ceremony for the graduating eighth-grade class of 2022.

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Mount Carmel School's kindergarten graduates walk down the aisle after their promotion ceremony on June 2, 2022.

For more information about Mount Carmel School, visit our website www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

Business

The wealthy splurge, the poorest pull back

AP

In this image provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Kisha Galvan and her grandchildren, pose for a photo after stocking up on food items from the Northern Illinois Food Bank on May 26, 2022, in Rockford, Ill.

NEW YORK (AP)—Americans at the low end of the income rung are once again struggling to make ends meet.

A confluence of factors—the expiration of federal stimulus checks and surging inflation on staples like gas and food—are driving an even bigger wedge between the haves and have-nots.

While wealthier shoppers continue to splurge, low-income shoppers have pulled back faster than expected in the past two months. They're focusing on necessities while turning to cheaper items or less expensive stores. And they're buying only a little at a time.

It's a reversal from a year or so ago when low-income shoppers, flush with money from the government and buoyed by wage increases, were able to spend more freely.

Kisha Galvan, a 44-year-old mother of eight children from ages 9 to 27, was able to stock up on groceries for the week and buy extras like clothing and shoes at Walmart for her children last year.

But without the pandemic-related government support and inflation hovering at a near 40-year high, she is buying more canned food and depending on the local food pantry several times a week instead of once a week.

"I shop meal to meal," said the Rockford, Illinois, resident who has lived on disability for the past 15 years. "Before, we didn't have to worry about what we were going to get. We just go get it."

The deep divide in spending was reflected in the latest round of quarterly earnings for retailers. At the high end of the spectrum, Nordstrom and Ralph Lauren reported stronger-than-expected sales as their well-heeled shoppers returned to pre-pandemic routines. Lululemon also reported strong quarterly sales of its pricey athletic wear.

But on the other end, Walmart's customers are switching to cheaper lunch meats and half gallons of milk from full gallons. Kohl's, a mid-priced department store, said its customers were spending less on each visit. And Gap slashed its annual financial outlook, specifically citing the strain from inflation at its low-price Old Navy chain.

Both Dollar Tree and Dollar General, which historically benefit from shoppers trading down during difficult economic times, raised their sales outlooks last month. Meanwhile, discounter Big Lots suffered steep sales declines in the latest quarter, noting cutbacks in items like furniture.

"We are now in a new chapter where high inflation is greatly limiting the ability of consumers to make discretionary purchases, especially of high ticket items," Big Lots CEO and President Bruce K. Thorn told analysts late last month. "We know that many Americans now are once again living paycheck-to-paycheck."

The pullback among low-income shoppers has not affected overall spending, which is still up. In April, the government said retail sales outpaced inflation for a fourth straight month, a reassuring sign that consumers—the primary drivers of America's economy—are still providing vital support and helping ease concerns that a recession might be near.

But analysts believe even affluent shoppers could retrench if the stock market continues to weaken. Marshal Cohen, chief industry advisor at market research firm The NPD Group Inc., said the stock market affects higher income shoppers "psychologically" and more losses on paper could make them cut back.

The spending mood has shifted from last October and November, when the Fed conducted a survey and found that almost eight in 10 adults were either "doing okay or living comfortably" when it came to their finances in 2021, the highest proportion to say so since the survey began in 2013. For those earning less than $25,000, the proportion that said they were doing at least okay jumped to 53% from 40%.

But inflation has taken a bigger bite out of personal budgets and wiped away some of the wage gains, especially for those who earn less. The national average cost of a gallon of gas, for example, has jumped to $4.76 from $4.20 a month ago and a painful 56% from a year earlier, according to AAA.

Nation

Police: Tennessee shooting leads to 3 dead, 14 injured

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—A shooting near a Tennessee nightclub early Sunday led to three deaths and 14 people suffering gunshot wounds and other injuries, police said.

Fourteen people were hit by gunfire and three were hit by vehicles while trying to flee the scene, according to Chattanooga Police Chief Celeste Murphy. Two people died from gunshot wounds and one person died after being hit by a vehicle. Sixteen of the victims were adults and one was a juvenile and several remained in critical condition, she said.

Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly, who described himself as an "avid hunter" and gun owner, called on Congress to enact "common sense regulations" to address gun violence. Kelly is an independent.

"That doesn't mean taking guns away from responsible gun owners, but it does mean mandatory background checks and prohibiting high-capacity magazines that allow shooters to hurt dozens of people without even having to reload," he said at a press conference. Kelly said his administration would announce new steps in the coming weeks aimed at reducing gun violence locally.

Officers responded to a report of a shooting at 2:42 a.m. on McCallie Avenue near a nightclub and found multiple victims upon arrival. Murphy said officers immediately began rendering aid and securing the scene.

There were multiple shooters and Murphy asked anyone in the community with information about the shooting to come forward. She said police believe it was an isolated incident and authorities don't believe there's an ongoing public safety threat.

Murphy said it would be a complex investigation going forward.

"We're trying to determine exactly what happened and what led up to this taking place," she said.

ACROSS THE NATION

13 hurt when Greyhound bus blows tire on California highway

BANNING, Calif. (AP)—Thirteen people were injured Friday when a Greyhound bus blew a tire and veered into a sports utility vehicle and a center divider wall on a California desert highway, authorities said. There were 33 people aboard the bus when it crashed in Banning, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) east of Los Angeles while heading from Los Angeles to Phoenix on Interstate 10, said California Highway Patrol Officer Jason Montez. Thirteen people were taken to hospitals but only one of those injured suffered a major injury, believed to be a compound fracture, and the rest had minor injuries, Montez said. Two of the injured people were in the Mitsubishi that was struck by the bus and the other 11 were from the bus, he said. The bus was traveling at about 60-65 mph (96-105 kph) when its left front tire blew out and it veered to the left and hit the Mitsubishi and then the center divider, he said.

3 people killed in early morning shooting in Michigan

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP)—Three people were killed in an early morning shooting in Michigan, authorities said Sunday. MLive.com reported that police responded to a report of multiple gunshots around 2:30 a.m. Sunday. in Saginaw, around 100 miles northwest of Detroit Two men were pronounced dead at the scene. A woman died later at a hospital of her wounds. Two other men also were shot. They arrived at a hospital in personal vehicles and were being treated for their injuries, according to a news release from the Saginaw Police Department. A message left with detectives Sunday afternoon seeking more information wasn't immediately returned. The incident was one of at least three shootings with multiple deaths or injuries across the country Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

Wisconsin man charged with killing 6 in botched drug robbery

MILWAUKEE (AP)—A 34-year-old Wisconsin man has been charged in the deaths of six people who were found dead in January at a Milwaukee duplex. Bail was set at $1 million Sunday for Travis Lamar Birkley, who is charged with six counts of felony murder. An attorney who represented Birkley at the hearing declined to comment on the case. The six victims were found with gunshot wounds on Jan. 23, but court documents detailing the charges against Birkley suggest they may have been killed three days earlier. Investigators linked Birkley to the killings with cellphone data that included a selfie that appeared to have been taken in the basement of the home where the bodies were found several hours after the victims were believed to have been killed on Jan. 20. Investigators said Birkley appeared to be wearing one of the victims' expensive glasses in the photo. Court documents also say that a witness told police that Birkley had admitted killing the six people with his cousin during a botched drug robbery, WISN reports. Court documents said that shell casings found at the scene came from two different guns.

3 dead, 11 wounded in Philadelphia shooting on busy street

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Gunfire from several shooters killed three people and wounded at least 11 others in a popular Philadelphia entertainment district late Saturday night, authorities said. Police officers were patrolling the area on South Street in central Philadelphia at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday when they heard multiple shots. Racing to the scene, they found several people with gunshot wounds lying on the sidewalk and in the street and began to render aid, Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw said. Another responding officer saw a man on a street corner firing a handgun into a large crowd about half a block away, Outlaw said. The officer drew his weapon and fired several times, and police believe the man was struck before he dropped his handgun onto the sidewalk and fled, Outlaw said. A police statement said the dead were 34-year-old Gregory Jackson, 27-year-old Alexis Quinn, and a 22-year-old man who was not identified.

Asia

At least 49 are dead in Bangladesh depot fire

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A massive fire at a container depot near a port city in southeastern Bangladesh killed at least 49 people, including nine firefighters, and injured more than 100 others, officials and local media reported Sunday, as efforts to extinguish the blaze continued into a second night.

The inferno at the BM Inland Container Depot, a Dutch-Bangladesh joint venture, broke out around midnight Saturday following explosions in a container full of chemicals. The cause of the fire could not be immediately determined. The depot is located near country's main Chittagong Seaport, 216 kilometers (134 miles) southeast of the capital, Dhaka.

At least nine firefighters were among the dead, according to Brig. Gen. Main Uddin, director general of the Bangladesh fire service and civil defense. More than 10 others were being treated for burns, he added.

Multiple rounds of explosions occurred after the initial blast as the fire continued to spread, Uddin said. Explosives experts from Bangladesh's military have been called in to assist the firefighters. The explosions shattered the windows of nearby buildings and were felt as far as 4 kilometers (2 1/2 miles) away, officials and local media reports said.

The death toll reached 49 by Sunday evening, according to Ekattor TV station, and the area's civil surgeon said the number could still rise as the fire raged for a second night.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her shock at the accident and ordered adequate arrangement for medical treatment of the injured.

Bangladesh has a history of industrial disasters, including factories catching fire with workers trapped inside. Monitoring groups have blamed corruption and lax enforcement.

Global brands, which employ tens of thousands of low-paid workers in Bangladesh, have come under fire to improve factory conditions in recent years. In the country's massive garment industry, which employs about 4 million people, safety conditions have improved significantly after massive reforms, but experts say accidents could still occur if other sectors do not make similar changes.

In 2012, about 117 workers died when they were trapped behind locked exits in a garment factory in Dhaka.

US, S. Korea fire missiles to sea, matching North

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The U.S. and South Korean militaries launched eight ballistic missiles into the sea Monday in a show of force matching a North Korean missile display a day earlier that extended a provocative streak in weapons demonstrations.

The allies' live-fire exercise involved eight Army Tactical Missile System missiles—one American and seven South Korean—that were fired into South Korea's eastern waters across 10 minutes following notifications for air and maritime safety, according to South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff and U.S. Forces Korea.

The tit-for-tat missile launches were aimed at demonstrating the ability to respond swiftly and accurately to North Korean attacks, the South Korean military said.

The South's military on Sunday detected North Korea firing eight short-range missiles over 35 minutes from at least four different locations, including from western and eastern coastal areas and two inland areas north of and near the capital, Pyongyang, in what appeared to be a single-day record for the country's ballistic launches.

It was North Korea's 18th round of missile tests in 2022 alone—a streak that included the country's first launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles in nearly five years. South Korean and U.S. officials also say North Korea is preparing to conduct its first nuclear test since September 2017 as leader Kim Jong Un pushes a brinkmanship aimed at cementing the North's status as a nuclear power and negotiating economic and security concessions from a position of strength.

U.S. and South Korean forces conducted a similar live-fire exercise following North Korea's previous ballistic launches on May 25, which South Korea's military said involved an ICBM flown on medium-range trajectory and two short-range weapons. Those tests came as Biden wrapped up his trip to South Korea and Japan, where he reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to defend both allies.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol during a speech marking the country's Memorial Day on Monday said his government would pursue "fundamental and practical security capabilities" to counter North Korea's growing nuclear weapons and missile threat.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan army says 7 militants killed near Afghan border

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's military says security forces killed seven militants in two different operations near the Afghan border on Sunday. Five militants were killed in raid on a hideout in the Jani Khel area of Bannu district—the gateway to North Waziristan, they said in a statement. Two other militants were killed in a shootout in a tribal district of North Waziristan. Security forces seized arms and ammunition from both areas, and said the militants had been involved in attacks on security forces in recent months. North Waziristan and its surroundings were a militant sanctuary for years until a massive military operation to clear the area in 2014. Militants still show their presence by sporadically attacking forces there.

Sri Lanka holds its breath as new PM fights to save economy

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—It has been nearly three weeks since Ranil Wickremesinghe took over as prime minister of Sri Lanka with a daunting mandate to pull the crisis-weary country from the brink of an economic abyss that threatens to tear it apart. The five-time prime minister has inherited a nation barreling toward bankruptcy and saddled with foreign debt so big that it has no money left for basic imports. Sri Lankans are struggling to access the bare necessities like food, fuel, medicine, cooking gas and even toilet paper and matches. In his new job, Wickremesinghe left little doubt about what lies ahead. "The next couple of months will be the most difficult ones of our lives," he told the nation fed up with long lines, sky-rocketing inflation and daily protests that seem to be getting out of control.

World

Over 50 feared dead in Nigerian church attack

A view of the St. Francis Catholic Church in Owo Nigeria, Sunday, June 5, 2022. AP

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)—Gunmen opened fire on worshippers and detonated explosives at a Catholic church in southwestern Nigeria on Sunday, leaving dozens feared dead, state lawmakers said.

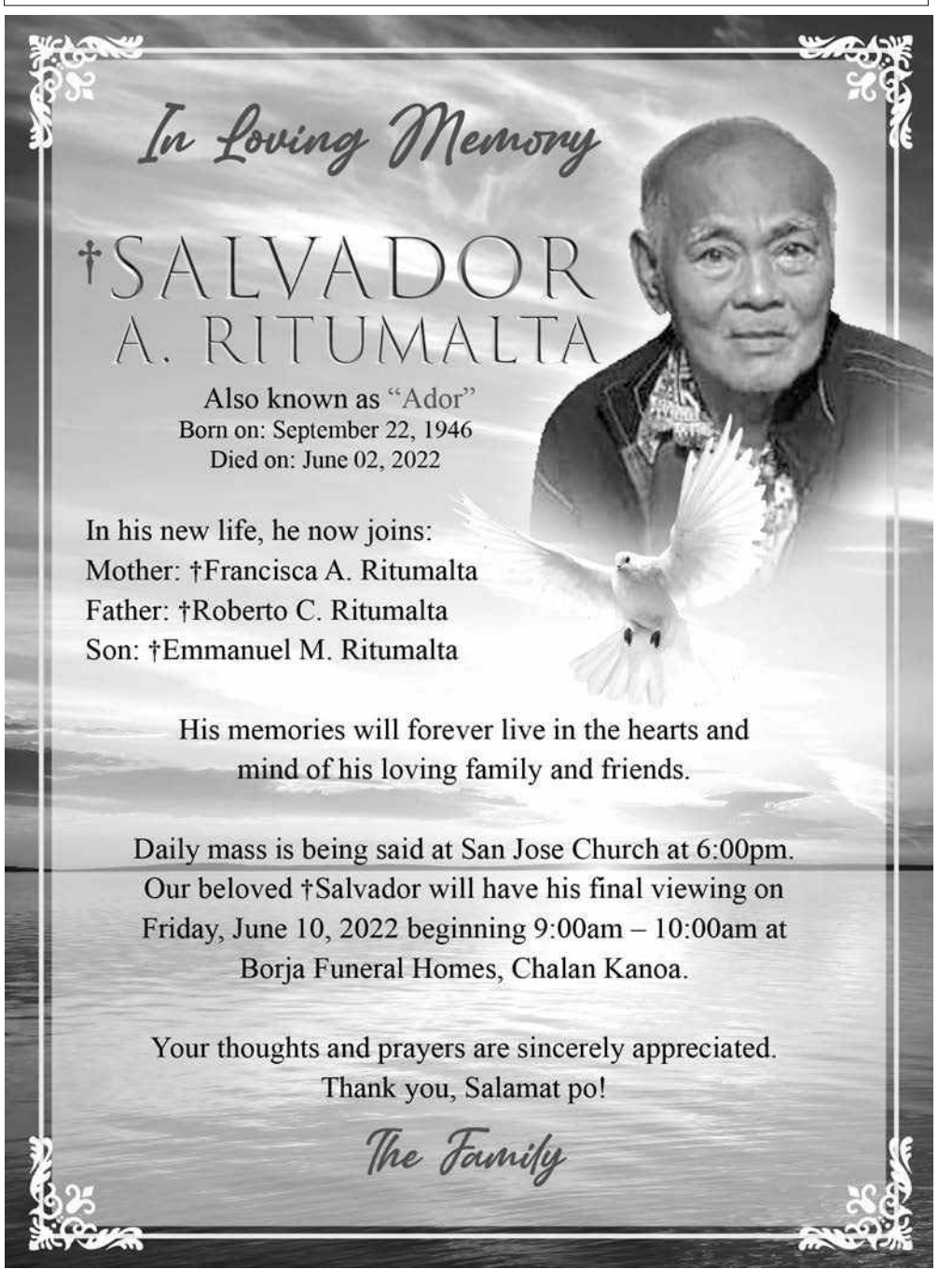
The attackers targeted the St. Francis Catholic Church in Ondo state just as the worshippers gathered on Pentecost Sunday, legislator Ogunmolasuyi Oluwole said. Among the dead were many children, he said.

The presiding priest was abducted as well, said Adelegbe Timileyin, who represents the Owo area in Nigeria's lower legislative chamber.

"Our hearts are heavy," Ondo Governor Rotimi Akeredolu tweeted Sunday. "Our peace and tranquility have been attacked by the enemies of the people."

Authorities did not immediately release an official death toll. Timileyin said at least 50 people had been killed, though others put the figure higher. Videos appearing to be from the scene of the attack showed church worshippers lying in pools of blood while people around them wailed.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari said "only fiends from the nether region could have conceived and carried out such dastardly act," according to a statement from his spokesman.


In Loving Memory
†SALVADOR
A. RITUMALTA
Also known as "Ador"
Born on: September 22, 1946
Died on: June 02, 2022
In his new life, he now joins:
Mother: †Francisca A. Ritumalta
Father: †Roberto C. Ritumalta
Son: †Emmanuel M. Ritumalta
His memories will forever live in the hearts and mind of his loving family and friends.
Daily mass is being said at San Jose Church at 6:00pm.
Our beloved †Salvador will have his final viewing on Friday, June 10, 2022 beginning 9:00am – 10:00am at Borja Funeral Homes, Chalan Kanoa.
Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.
Thank you, Salamat po!
The Family

Overdrive

Don't let your first car be a $30K mistake

By COLIN BERESFORD
NERDWALLET

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Not being ready before stepping onto a car lot can open the door to making a purchase you'll later regret. Set your limits before you ever stop at a dealership; with the right preparation, you can keep your purchase from becoming a burden.

Buying your first car is already an intimidating experience; in the midst of historic supply shortages, it's easy to feel overwhelmed.

In March of this year, the average price of a used car was $27,246, according to Cox Automotive—an automotive marketplace and data company—or 28% higher than it was a year ago. With those price increases, monthly payments have also swelled. Average payments for used cars reached $488 in the last quarter of 2021, according to Experian. On top of that, the average loan term for used vehicles was just over 67 months, or more than five years.

For many, cars are a necessity. If you have little or no credit, no co-signer or just a limited budget, it can be easy to accept a loan that pushes your budget or binds you to a car for six, even seven years.

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SECURE A LOAN

Your first step is calculating what loan payments you can afford and the total loan amount that's within your budget.

Aim to keep your monthly loan payment below 10% of your take-home pay, and if you're buying a used car, keep your loan term under 36 months. If you're looking for a new vehicle, keep the term under 60 months. Limiting your loan term will save you money on interest and will lower the risk of your loan becoming upside-down—owing more than the car is worth.

Numbers in hand, start looking for a lender that will give you a loan. Getting preapproved for a loan before visiting dealer lots can give you a better negotiating position, keep you from going over budget and reduce what you pay in interest.

With little or no credit history—especially since you have not had a car loan before—your best shot at being approved for a loan at the lowest interest rate possible is to apply with a co-signer. But if that's not a possibility for you, there are still financing alternatives available:

■ One of the first places to look are banks and credit unions, particularly institutions that you have an established relationship with.

■ Search your area for lenders with first-time buyer programs, which put conditions on the amount you can borrow and the vehicles you can buy but dispense with some of the credit requirements.

■ You can also look for loans from online lenders that offer bad-credit auto loans, since they will often have low or no minimum credit scores. These loans can carry interest rates of over 25%, so a year after taking one on, you can try to refinance for lower rates.

PICK THE RIGHT CAR

Finding a cheap car used to be easy—or at least easier than it is now. If you have a $10,000 budget, your options are limited, but that doesn't mean there aren't options.

With a limited budget, most choices will be older, used cars, and that increases the annual cost to maintain your car. A 2021 Consumer Reports study found that 2016 model year vehicles cost $205 to maintain over the previous 12 months, while 2011 model year vehicles cost $430.

In addition to maintenance costs, there's also fuel, insurance, registration and taxes that all add to the cost of owning a vehicle. As you search for a car, look into the cost of ownership, since it will differ from car to car.

The total cost of owning your vehicle, including your loan payment, shouldn't exceed 20% of your take-home pay. Although some costs can't be significantly reduced, you can minimize others—such as future maintenance, repairs and fuel—with the right car.

"The most important thing to look for is a car with good maintenance history," Joey Capparella, a senior editor at Car and Driver, said in an email. "If the previous owner has taken good care of the car and can provide service receipts, that trumps other attributes such as the number of miles or the brand. One-owner cars are desirable for this same reason."

Service and ownership history can sometimes be found through a service such as Carfax. Use this information, along with total mileage and the car's age, to narrow down your search. When looking at vehicles for less than $10,000, the car with fewer miles will often be the better choice, if all else is equal.

Once you've settled on a car, take it for an extensive test drive, Capparella added, and pay attention to "the seating position, the visibility out of the windows, and the sound of the engine."

If something about the car isn't right for you, a different vehicle is likely a better choice, and don't be afraid to be picky. You may not be buying the car of your dreams, but you could be living with your choice—and making payments on it—for years to come.

Paying extra for premium gas? You should probably stop

By RUSS MITCHELL
LOS ANGELES TIMES

You love your car. You want to treat it well. You certainly don't want to do anything that would damage it. That's why you've been filling it with premium gasoline all these years. But with prices up above $7 a gallon, you've started to wonder: Does my car really need the good stuff? Can I just switch to regular? Or should I compromise and buy midgrade?

Answers: Probably no, probably yes and almost definitely not.

Confused? Don't worry, you're in good company.

Many years of research at the American Automobile Assn.'s Los Angeles fuels laboratory has shown that if your car requires premium, you should keep using premium and suck up the cost. But thanks to a mix of clever marketing and quirky consumer psychology, some 16.5 million U.S. drivers fill their cars with premium when regular would work just as well, according to AAA.

Think you might be one of them? Check your owner's manual, advises Doug Shupe, program manager at the Automobile Club of Southern California and the AAA. And pay close attention to the language. "Unless your vehicle manufacturer says premium is required —not recommended, but required—we've found no advantage to using premium fuel," Shupe said.

If it says "recommended," you can ignore the recommendation and pocket the 30 to 50 cents per gallon you'd be saving. Spending more doesn't buy any benefit in horsepower, fuel economy or emissions, Shupe said.

Depending on how much you drive, the switch can save several hundred dollars a year. With the average price of a gallon of regular now above $6 in California, that's money that could go to food or rent.

What does "premium" even mean? That gasoline grade is laced with an extra dose of hydrocarbon molecules called octane. In a high-compression engine, heavy pressure can squeeze the fuel-air mixture so tight and hot that some fuel combusts before it should. That leads to uneven explosive forces, which can vibrate engine parts unnecessarily. The extra octane helps the fuel burn more evenly.

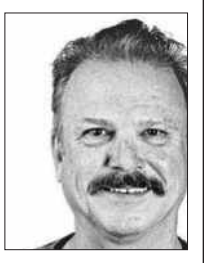
In California, premium gas is labeled 91 octane, midgrade is 89, and regular is 87. All are unleaded.

The results of AAA's octane tests have become widely accepted. So why would a carmaker recommend premium when it's not needed? One reason may be the belief by many customers that premium, required or not, boosts engine performance.

For a manufacturer seeking to support a luxury car's high sticker price with claims of similarly high performance, the association might not hurt. In fact, some higher-end models from the likes of Audi and BMW have a sensor that can tell if gasoline is premium or regular, according to Jil McIntosh at Autotrader, and adjust the engine accordingly.

What's wrong with my key?

MOTORMOUTH
By BOB WEBER
Chicago Tribune



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Q: I own a 2014 Toyota Camry XLS equipped with a smart key starting system. I occasionally couldn't start the car. My private mechanic as well as a Toyota service manager suggested changing the battery in the remote control. This seemed to work for a few days. They suggested holding the remote key fob next to the ignition switch on the dash. This seems to work. Just last week the remote wouldn't open the doors or turn on the interior lights. I had to use the spare key to open the door to enter the vehicle. The Toyota service manager suggested I bring the car in, and it might take a day for a mechanic to solve the problem. I don't want to pay a lot of money for someone to fix what I might be able to replace or fix for less money.

A: Try another, fresh new 2032 (the most popular) battery. Your previous replacement may be bad. Price on the street is about six bucks.

Q: In a recent column, you say that the intake valves on direct injection engines only see fresh air. Isn't it true that the PCV system is piped into the intake manifold? Incidentally, I own a 2017 Honda CR-V with the 2.4L engine, no turbo. I bring this up only to point out that there are lots of videos online promoting the use of oil catch cans to prevent an excessive amount of contaminants from reaching the intake valves through the system.

A: OK. The air isn't pristine as it passes the intake valves. But I didn't want my answer to go too deep on a technical tangent about the valves' propensity to crud up due to positive crankcase ventilation (PCV). Yes, it does happen, and the stuff is not easy to remove. Cleaning the valves often requires you to yank the cylinder head if walnut shell blasting doesn't clean the valves. Sadly, neither a gasoline additive such as Techron, nor Top Tier gasoline will prevent intake valve buildup on direct injection engines. Don't get me started on such esoteric topics again any time soon.

Q: I have a 2016 Subaru Forester. I'm getting older and sometimes don't turn my turn signals off (don't/can't hear it) after changing lanes. Changing lanes doesn't activate the automatic shut off for the signal like a full turn does. Do they make a replacement turn signal device (relay) that has a louder clicking sound?

A: I am not aware of an aftermarket turn signal amplifier. But try this: Press lightly on the turn signal handle, not hard enough to pass the tactile pop. The signals will flash until you release the handle. Most new cars come with a short duration blink that provides three pulses if you tap the handle and immediately let go. Don't forget to check the blinking arrows on your dash.

Q: My employee was just in the truck with the A/C running and I told him it's wasting gas. He told me that if you don't put your foot on the pedal, you are not really using the gas. I wanted to know if that is true. If you are just in parking lot and don't use the A/C, are you using less gas?

A: Any time the engine is running, you are using gas, no matter whether you are using the A/C or not. But running the A/C as well as any accessory — even the heater — you are using more.

Send questions along with name and town to motormouth.tribune@gmail.com.

Life & Style

Jennifer Lopez, 'Spider-Man' highlight MTV Movie & TV Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jennifer Lopez made an emotional speech about how believers and skeptics contributed to her success, as she accepted a career achievement honor at the MTV Movie & TV Awards on Sunday.

"I want to thank the people who gave me joy and the ones who broke my heart—the ones who were true and the ones who lied to me," said Lopez, who nabbed this year's Generation Award for actors whose diverse contributions have made them household names. She also took home best song—a new category—for the track "On My Way" from the "Marry Me" soundtrack.

MTV's youth-focused celebration of film and TV offered a lighter, breezier awards show, with 26 categories in gender-neutral categories like best villain, best kiss and new category "here for the hookup." Hosted by Vanessa Hudgens, the ceremony returned to a live format after being prerecorded for several years.

Lopez shed tears as she thanked fans, her longtime manager and children for "teaching me to love," bringing the audience to their feet at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, California.

"I want to thank the people who gave me this life," said Lopez, 52, later adding, "You're only as good as the people who you work with. But if you're lucky, they make you better. I've been very lucky in that regard."

Lopez's first breakthrough came as a dancer on the 1990s sketch comedy series "In Living Color." She pursued an acting career and landed a leading role in "Selena" in 1997. She would go on to appear in such films including "Anaconda," "Out of Sight," "The Wedding Planner," "Hustlers" and her latest, "Marry Me."

As a singer, Lopez has earned success on the pop and Latin charts with multiple hit songs and albums. She released her multi-hit debut "On the 6" in 1999 and topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart with songs like "If You Had My Love," "All I Have" and the remixes of "I'm Real" and "Ain't It Funny."

And in 2020, Lopez performed during the Super Bowl halftime show alongside Shakira.

"Spider-Man: No Way Home" entered the awards as the leading nominee with seven. It took home best movie, and the film's star Tom Holland won for best performance in a movie. With almost $1.9 billion earned at the box office, it was the biggest film of the year and a fan favorite, but was largely overlooked by the major awards shows.

Zendaya won for best performance in a show for her role in "Euphoria," which came away with best show. The HBO series also won here for the hookup.

Early in the broadcast, 19-year-old singer Olivia Rodrigo won best music documentary for her project "Olivia Rodrigo: driving home 2 u." Rodrigo, who won three Grammys this year including best new artist, spoke about the importance of creating the film, which involves a road trip, live performances and reflections on her debut album "Sour."

"I made 'driving home 2 u' for the fans, especially those who couldn't come to see me on tour," Rodrigo said.

Jack Black also received a career achievement award, Comic Genius. He ran onstage and seemed almost out of breathe before giving his acceptance speech.

"I need a little blast of oxygen," he said before rattling off several films he starred in, like "School of Rock" and two "Jumanji" films. He played in other comedies including "Shallow Hal," "Tropic Thunder" and the animated "Kung Fu Panda" franchise films, where Black voiced the main character.

"Comedic genius. C'mon are you kidding? For what?" he said. "I don't deserve this, but I'll take it."

The ceremony kicked off with "Loki" star Sophia Di Martino winning breakthrough performance for her role as Sylvie on the Disney Plus television series. After the actor claimed her trophy, she talked about being 9 months pregnant when she was offered the role, and her baby being just 3 months old when she started filming.

'Top Gun' stays aloft with $86M in its 2nd weekend

NEW YORK (AP)—The high-flying "Top Gun: Maverick" continued to soar in its second weekend, dropping just 32% from its opening with $86 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Paramount Pictures release, with Tom Cruise reprising his role from the 1986 original, is holding steadier than any film of its kind has before. Its modest drop—50-65% is more typical for blockbusters—is the smallest decline for a movie that opened above $100 million. "Top Gun: Maverick" debuted with $124 million last weekend, scoring Cruise's biggest opening yet.

Overseas, director Joseph Kosinski's film is performing even better. In 64 overseas markets, "Top Gun: Maverick" dipped only 20% in its second weekend with $81.7 million.

Riding stellar word of mouth, terrific reviews and a global promotional tour, "Top Gun: Maverick" has already grossed $548.6 million worldwide, making it easily one the biggest hits of Cruise's career. In domestic ticket sales ($291.6 million thus far), the "Top Gun" sequel already ranks as the 59-year-old's best performer.

While "Top Gun: Maverick" is unlikely to match the $1.89 billion worldwide of Sony Pictures' "Spider-Man: No Way Home," the biggest box-office smash of the pandemic, Cruise and company have been hailed for leading the final push in the recovery of movie theaters. Paramount delayed its release two years.

Festive pageant caps queen's Platinum Jubilee

LONDON (AP)—In a crowning moment for her Platinum Jubilee, Queen Elizabeth II waved at tens of thousands of adoring crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace on Sunday, delighting fans who had hoped to catch a glimpse of her during the final day of festivities marking the monarch's 70 years on the throne.

The 96-year-old monarch has curtailed her schedule in recent months due to difficulties in moving around. Prior to Sunday, the queen had only appeared in public twice—both on Thursday—during the four-day holiday weekend's celebrations. Officials said she experienced "discomfort" during those events.

AP

From left, Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall Prince Charles, Queen Elizabeth II, Prince George, Prince William, Princess Charlotte, Prince Louis and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge stand on the balcony, at the end of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant held outside Buckingham Palace, in London, Sunday June 5, 2022, on the last of four days of celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

Huge crowds that lined the Mall outside the palace for the climax of a boisterous, colorful pageant cheered as the monarch emerged on the balcony with Prince Charles, his wife Camilla, and Prince William and his family.

It was an image for the history books and a glimpse into the monarchy's future, with the queen's three heirs—her 73-year-old son Charles, eldest grandson William and eldest great-grandson Prince George—by her side.

The queen, dressed in bright green, waved and smiled after the crowds belted out "God Save The Queen." Her appearance, which only lasted a few minutes, was followed by a crowd-pleasing performance of ABBA's "Dancing Queen."

Stepfather has never been treated with much respect

DEAR ABBY: I've been the stepfather of two girls for 18 years. They are 22 and 24 now. My wife and her ex-husband adopted them at birth. When they were 2 and 4, he had an affair and left them for a woman who had two children.

Why do these two girls look at HIM as their dad when I have been the one who has always been here for them? They have never shown me much respect, yet the man who adopted them and then left them and their mother for another family they regard as their dad and respect him.

HURT AND FRUSTRATED

DEAR HURT: You have my sympathy. This may have happened because their mother never explained to them that the person who left them failed to fulfill the father role he had promised, and the man who raised them—you— IS their dad. She also failed to insist they treat you with the respect you deserved. If there is blame to be laid, I blame her for this, not them.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing regarding my husband's obituary. He died suddenly a year ago. Because of shock, anxiety and pressure to get his obit into the newspaper before the weekend, I rushed it. I had never written an obituary before. My dear sister-in-law helped me, and we finally finished it at 4 a.m. Since then, I have been unhappy and uncomfortable with it. It wasn't thorough or personal or loving. It was "just the facts," and I have always wanted to redo it. I also included some things I regret. What are your thoughts on my revamping and re-submitting another version to the area newspaper his obituary appeared in?

REDO IN THE EAST

DEAR REDO: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Contact the newspaper and ask that question. I have seen "In Memoriam" items published long after the deceased has been buried. If you feel it would comfort you, it couldn't hurt to ask.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister's job requires her to make presentations to professional groups. When she used the word "irregardless" in a conversation with me, I told her the correct word is "regardless." I genuinely did not want her to embarrass herself in a professional setting.

Yesterday, she used the word "irregardless" again when we were talking. Should I correct her again, or let it go? This situation is complicated by the fact that I have asked her to stop constantly correcting me, although her corrections don't usually involve grammar or word usage.

UNSURE IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR UNSURE: You told your sister once that the word she used was incorrect. In light of your history with her, if you repeat it, she may think you are trying to one-up her and resent it. (In cases like this, no good deed goes unpunished.)

P.S. Many people make this mistake, so hold a good thought. Perhaps the audience she's making the presentation to won't notice.

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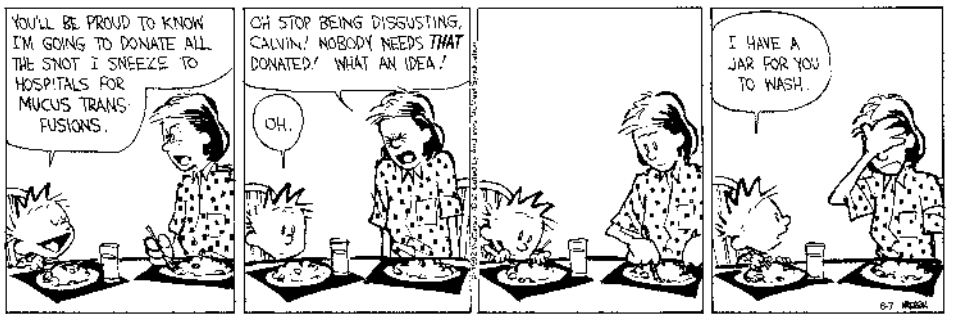
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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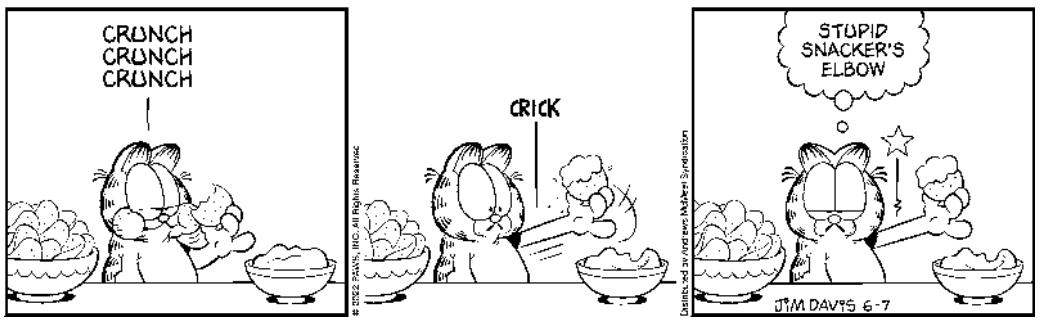
OH STOP BEING DISGUSTING, CALVIN! NOBODY NEEDS THAT DONATED! WHAT AN IDEA!
OH.
I HAVE A JAR FOR YOU TO WASH.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



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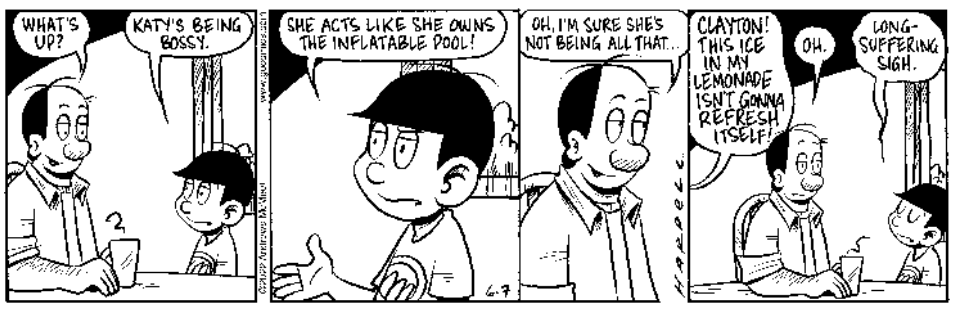
By Bryan Basset


WHAT'S UP?
KATY'S BEING BOSSY.
SHE ACTS LIKE SHE OWNS THE INFLATABLE POOL!
OH, I'M SURE SHE'S NOT BEING ALL THAT..
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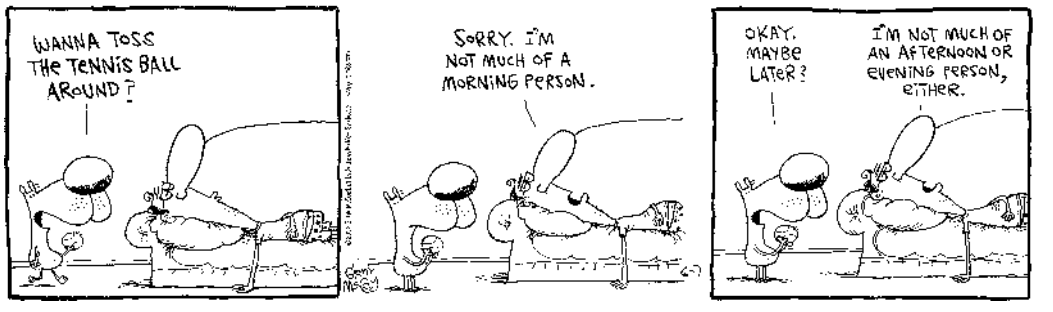
OH.
LONG-SUFFERING SIGH.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


WANNA TOSS THE TENNIS BALL AROUND?
SORRY. I'M NOT MUCH OF A MORNING PERSON.
OKAY. MAYBE LATER?
I'M NOT MUCH OF AN AFTERNOON OR EVENING PERSON, EITHER.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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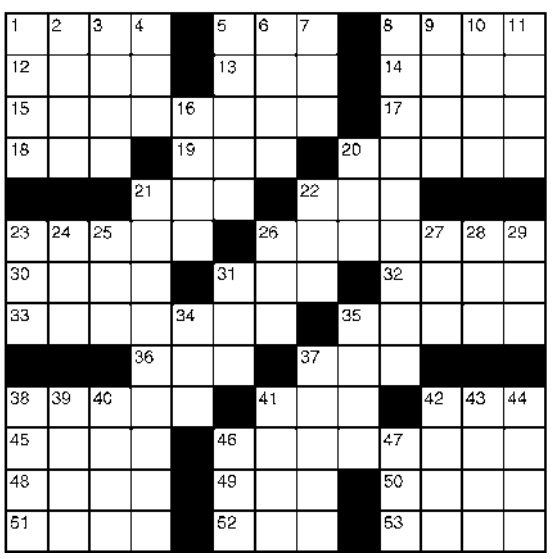

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Happy Birthday: High energy and added discipline will set you on the right path this year. Don't hold back when picking up the pace and staying focused on what's important to you will take you where you want to go. Keep your distance from meddlers and those offering unreasonable ideas. Take ownership of what you want to pursue, and don't look back. Your numbers are 9, 16, 22, 25, 33, 37, 40.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Put muscle and enthusiasm behind whatever you decide to do next. Building momentum will make a good impression on someone keeping tabs on what you do. Professionalism will help you gain respect and advance your career. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Listen to reason. Put a strategy in place before you initiate a move. Consider alternatives and consequences, and you'll come up with a plan that works for you and your budget. Don't let spontaneity be your downfall. Plan your actions thoroughly. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Strive to do your best, and you'll gain respect and the edge you need to get ahead. Your experience and knowledge will help you sort through any tough decisions and prompt you to get things done on time. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Initiate changes that make you feel good, look good and allow you to use your skills to your benefit. An emotional realization will lead to discussions and plans that will shape your life for years to come. Live, love and laugh. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Avoid a trap. Expect someone to make last-minute changes that disrupt your plans or mislead you by withholding the information required to make a good decision. Bide your time, tread carefully and stick to what you know you can handle alone. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Set your sights on what's essential and forge ahead. Take a unique path, and let your imagination lead the way. The ideas you come up with will be well-received and put to good use. Self-improvement is favored. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Speed up the process, and put whatever is hanging over your head to rest. Take the liberty to use your spare time to relax and enjoy taking care of your needs. Learn as much as you can about something that piques your interest. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Keep an open mind. If you are cynical, you'll waste time and accomplish little. You may not agree with everything you hear, but a positive attitude will help you use the information you receive beneficially. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Your instincts won't let you down if you follow through. Trust carefully, verify everything and agree to do what fits into your schedule. Time spent fixing up your space will lift your spirits and encourage you to put the past behind you. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Use only what's necessary. Taking a minimalist approach to what you do and how you do it will ensure you stay on budget. Don't let anyone take advantage of your skills or time. Self-improvement will fetch compliments. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Keep your thoughts to yourself. Emotional situations will escalate quickly, causing problems between you and a friend, relative or peer if you let someone draw you into a discussion you aren't ready to have. Bide your time and be observant. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* By letting your mind wander, you'll come up with a plan that will help you get ahead. Rearrange your time to fit in with what's important to you. Use ingenuity to entice someone into doing something that can make your life easier. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are helpful, determined and ambitious. You are resourceful and patient.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Yesterday's Answer: Bowling

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Warriors answer in Game 2, top Celtics to even Finals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Just like in Game 1, the Golden State Warriors took command with a big third quarter.

Unlike Game 1, they finished the job.

The NBA Finals are now tied, after the Warriors turned a close game into a rout with a third-quarter masterpiece. Stephen Curry scored 29 points, Jordan Poole connected from just inside of midcourt to cap the pivotal period and the Warriors beat the Boston Celtics 107-88 on Sunday night in Game 2.

"I thought everybody was more engaged," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said after his team improved to 5-0 after a loss in these playoffs. "It's pretty obvious. Just our level of force and physicality was ramped up quite a bit, and it had to be."

Poole finished with 17 points for the Warriors, who outscored Boston 35-14 in the third quarter to turn a two-point halftime lead into a 23-point edge. And when the Warriors then scored the first six points of the fourth, the Celtics waved the surrender flag and emptied their bench.

"We said we needed to play with desperation," Curry said. "That's what we did."

Golden State also got 12 from Kevon Looney on 6-for-6 shooting, and 11 apiece from Andrew Wiggins and Klay Thompson.

Jayson Tatum scored 21 of his 28 points in the first half for Boston. Jaylen Brown added 17 for the Celtics, but fought through a 5-for-17 shooting night, and Derrick White scored 12.

Just like in Game 1, a huge run decided everything. The Celtics went on a 48-18 run in the second half to decide the opener. The Warriors didn't wait that long in Game 2, going on a 43-14 burst from late in the first half until early in the fourth quarter to turn a tie game into an absolute runaway.

AP

Golden State Warriors guard Jordan Poole, left, celebrates with guard Stephen Curry, middle, and forward Andrew Wiggins (22) after scoring against the Boston Celtics during the second half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals in San Francisco, Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Game 3 is Wednesday in Boston.

Curry had 14 of his points in the third, making three of his five 3-pointers in the quarter. Boston was 4 for 15 in the quarter, got outscored 21-6 on 3s and let the Warriors turn five turnovers into 11 points.

"Steph was breathtaking in that quarter," Kerr said.

The Celtics turned a 15-point third-quarter deficit into a 15-point fourth-quarter lead in Game 1, but that wasn't happening again Sunday. Boston coach Ime Udoka even picked up a technical in an effort to show his displeasure with things, including whistles or lack thereof, to no avail.

"I just let them know how I felt throughout the game in a demonstrative way, on purpose, to get a technical," Udoka said.

Poole provided the exclamation point as the third quarter closed, taking a pass in the final seconds, dribbling over the midcourt stripe, creating a bit of space and letting fly.

Swish.

Curry greeted him with a smile and a hug, the fans at Chase Center leaped to their feet — if they weren't there already — and the outcome was pretty much decided.

And for the first time, the crowd in the Warriors' new building finally saw the Celtics lose. Boston entered the night 4-0 in the Warriors' 3-year-old home, the only team to have won its first four games in the arena.

But giving up 33 points off 19 turnovers meant that streak had no chance of continuing.

"We have to take better care of the ball," Tatum said.

The Celtics were bidding to join only two other teams — the 1993 Chicago Bulls and 1995 Houston Rockets — on the list of clubs that swept two road games to open the finals. Those Bulls and Rockets went on to win the championship, and 31 of the previous 36 teams to open with 2-0 leads ended up celebrating a title.

All is not lost for Boston. The Celtics need to only win their remaining home games to become champions, though that won't be easy against a Warriors team that has won at least one road game in an NBA-record 26 consecutive playoff series.

"It is what it is," said the Celtics' Al Horford, who had 26 points in Game 1 and was held to two points Sunday. "On to Game 3."

Silver confident that the NBA's take-foul policy will change

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Friday that he expects the oft-maligned "transition take foul" to come with stiffer penalties next season.

Silver expects the rules regarding the play — where a defender intentionally commits a foul to halt a transition opportunity for the opposition — are going to change this summer. It's been something the NBA and its competition committee have been studying for several seasons.

Momentum has been building for several months toward a change, one that now seems likely to come at league meetings in July.

"I am confident that we'll see a change," Silver said in an interview Friday with The Associated Press. "I would not say I'm overconfident that it will be the last change, even though this is a rule that we've been experimenting with in the G League for last four years."

The way such fouls have been officiated in the G League since 2018 is this: When a defender commits a take foul, which is one where no play on the ball is made but doesn't rise to the level of a clear path foul, the fouled team retains possession and gets one free throw before play resumes. The clear path foul results in two shots and the ball.

Under FIBA rules, which govern international basketball, the penalty for transition take fouls is two shots and the ball.

"I think the take foul needs to be abolished as soon as humanly possible," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said earlier in these playoffs. "I coached in FIBA the last few summers and FIBA has a rule that basically eliminated it entirely. It's so penalizing when you get called for it that coaches all teach their teams, don't do it. That's what we need to do as a league. ... You've just got to get rid of it, make the game better, open up the game and hopefully that's what will happen this summer."

The G League and Summer League are the traditional testing labs for the NBA before making rule changes or amending policies. Among those that started at those levels and eventually got to the NBA — the coaches' challenge, plus resetting the 24-second shot clock to 14 seconds in offensive rebound situations.

The take foul, Silver believes, is about to get added to that list.

"I always say to people, including on this potential change in take fouls, if there was something that was obvious it would have happened long ago," Silver said after the dedication of a new NBA Cares Live, Learn or Play Center to assist the Boys & Girls Club of San Francisco. "There's pros and cons to everything we do. This is a change I'm very much in favor of, and from all the research we've looked at, it's something our fans really want too."

Tatum gets no help, Celtics routed in Game 2 of NBA Finals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Jayson Tatum found his scoring touch after a rare poor shooting night in Game 1 of the NBA Finals but it was the rest of his Boston Celtics teammates who went missing.

Now instead of going home in control of the Finals, the Celtics will need to regroup following a 107-88 loss to the Golden State Warriors on Sunday night that evened the series at one game apiece.

"I don't think we got as much penetration to the paint," coach Ime Udoka said. "They switched a few more things. Then we turned the ball over and didn't give ourselves a chance with a lot of those turnovers."

Tatum bounced back from a 3-for-17 shooting performance in the opener to lead the way offensively for Boston with 28 points. But outside of a fast start by Jaylen Brown, he had no help and the Celtics had no answers.

Boston shot 37.5% overall and struggled all night to make anything inside the 3-point line. When the Celtics outside shooting went cold in the third quarter, the Warriors turned a close game into a rout with a 35-14 blitz.

Boston had five turnovers and four baskets in the crucial third quarter, leading to a 23-point deficit that was too much to try to overcome after the Celtics rallied from 12 points down after a bad third quarter to win the series opener.

"It's definitely frustrating," guard Derrick White said. "I mean, we've talk about it pretty much the whole postseason. It's easy to talk about, but we've got to go out there and change something. That was a big quarter for them, and really a quarter that put us away."

Udoka cleared the bench for much of the fourth quarter, giving his starters some needed rest after grinding their way through grueling, back-to-back seven-game series in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

If the Celtics are to rebound when the series shifts to Boston for Game 3 on Wednesday night, they will need some of Tatum's supporting cast to play much more like they did in Game 1 than on Sunday.

Al Horford didn't even take a shot in the first half after leading the Celtics with 26 points in the opener and finished with two points. He didn't even attempt a 3-pointer after making six in Game 1.

"I feel like we didn't move it enough on offense at times," Horford said. "I think that for whatever reason, we got caught going downhill, attacking the basket a little more. They did a good job of staying with me, for example. Obviously I didn't get an attempt, not even a look.

"So they did a good job making sure they took me away. I just have to find other ways to impact the game, and that's something that I'll do Game 3."

After making five 3-pointers and scoring 21 points in Game 1, White missed 9 of 13 shots and was held to 12 points.

Brown made his first three shots and scored 13 points in the first quarter but went 1 for 11 the rest of the way. He struggled to find a rhythm after going to the bench following his second foul of the first quarter that Brown said was a "phantom" call.

Brown's frustration led to a dust-up with Draymond Green after Brown got fouled on a 3-pointer in the second quarter.

"He tried to pull my pants down," Brown said. "I don't know what that's about. But that's what Draymond does. He'll do anything it takes to win."

Marcus Smart followed up a 7-for-11 shooting night in Game 1 by making just 1 of 6 on Sunday night.

Throw in 19 turnovers that turned into 33 points for the Warriors, and Tatum getting no help on the offensive end after if he was able to get going by making 6 of 9 3-point attempts.

"It's just kind of as simple as we've just got to take care of the ball," Tatum said. "We've done it, and we're a really good team when we take care of the ball. But we have those lapses where we, snowball effect, we pile on turnovers and dig ourselves into a hole."

Mets split series with Dodgers in 10-inning thriller, 5-4

LOS ANGELES (AP)—J.D. Davis led off the 10th inning with an RBI double after the Mets blew a two-run lead in the ninth, and New York hung on to salvage a four-game series split with a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday.

Pete Alonso doubled home the tying run in the eighth and scored the go-ahead run on Eduardo Escobar's sacrifice fly for the Mets, who have won eight of 11. Alonso then started the 10th on second base as the automatic runner and scored another go-ahead run on Davis' hit off Craig Kimbrel (0-2).

Will Smith homered and Eddy Alvarez tied it with a two-out RBI single in the ninth for the Dodgers, who have lost five of seven.

Rookie right-hander Adonis Medina retired Mookie Betts and Freddie Freeman to open the Dodgers' half of the 10th before Trea Turner reached on catcher interference, putting runners at the corners. Turner stole second without a throw but Medina coolly struck out Smith to earn his first career save in his sixth appearance for the Mets. Seth Lugo (1-1) got the win.

Starling Marte homered early in the second straight victory for the Mets, who won at Dodger Stadium after trailing in the eighth inning for the first time since July 22, 2007.

Phillies 9, ANGELS 7

In Philadelphia, Bryson Stott hit a game-winning, three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning after Bryce Harper tied it with a grand slam in the eighth, and Philadelphia rallied for a victory that sent slumping Mike Trout and Los Angeles Angels to their 11th straight defeat.

It was the fourth victory in a row for the Phillies, who have won all three games under interim manager Rob Thomson since he took over when Joe Girardi was fired Friday.

Trout went 0 for 3 and is hitless in his last 26 at-bats, the longest drought of his decorated career. The three-time MVP did walk and score a run for the Angels, whose last win came on May 24.

The Angels are on their longest losing streak since an 11-game slide in August 2016.

After blowing a 6-2 lead in the eighth, the Angels went ahead 7-6 in the ninth against Corey Knebel (2-4) when Matt Duffy made up for a costly fielding error at third base with a two-out RBI single.

Cardinals 5, Cubs 3, 11 innings

In Chicago, Juan Yepez singled home automatic runner Nolan Gorman to lead off the 11th inning, Brendan Donovan doubled in an insurance run and St. Louis claimed the five-game series against Chicago with its sixth win in eight games.

Genesis Cabrera (3-1) tossed four innings in relief of Adam Wainwright, including a perfect 11th, and allowed a run on two hits for the win. Daniel Norris (0-4), who had pitched a perfect 10th inning, took the loss.

Jason Heyward, P.J. Higgins and Frank Schwindel had RBIs for the Cubs.

Twins 8, Blue Jays 6

In Toronto, Luis Arráez went 4 for 4 with a walk, Gary Sánchez and Trevor Larnach homered and Minnesota beat Toronto.

Arráez leads all of baseball with a .358 batting average.

Six players drove in a run and the Twins had 16 hits in taking two of three from the Blue Jays. Toronto came into the series on an eight-game winning streak.

Twins right-hander Devin Smeltzer allowed two runs and four hits in four innings. Jharel Cotton (2-1) got the win, and Jovani Moran earned his first career save.

George Springer hit the 50th leadoff home run of his career and Santiago Espinal made it close with a three-run home run off Duffey.

Yankees 5, Tigers 4, 10 innings

In New York, Josh Donaldson hit a 10th-inning sacrifice fly, and New York came from behind twice to beat Detroit and reach the one-third mark of the season at 39-15, which is the best in the major leagues in 21 years.

Joey Gallo's two-run homer in the fifth off overcame an early deficit and the Yankees won for the 10th time in 12 games.

Anthony Rizzo tied the score 4-4 in the eighth after he was hit near the left knee by a bounced pitch, stole second and continued to third on a Jonathan Schoop error. Rizzo slid home on another error.

Braves 8, Rockies 7

In Denver, Matt Olson hit a three-run homer, Ronald Acuña Jr. had a solo shot among his four hits and Atlanta moved above .500 for the first time since the season's opening week by holding off Colorado.

Ozzie Albies added a two-run single and Adam Duvall doubled and tripled for the Braves, who completed a four-game sweep and won their season-high fifth straight. They last had a winning record when they were 2-1 on April 9.

Ryan Feltner (1-2) allowed six runs and seven hits over three innings in the Rockies' fourth straight loss. Brendan Rodgers homered, doubled, singled and drove in three. Brian Serven and Charlie Blackmon homered for Colorado, which has dropped 20 of 27 since starting 16-11.

Acuña went deep against Robert Stephenson in the eighth for his sixth career four-hit game.

AP

New York Mets' Francisco Lindor dives back to first during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Sunday, June 5, 2022, in Los Angeles.

Red Sox 5, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., Franchy Cordero hit a three-run homer off Frankie Montas in the sixth inning and Boston completed a three-game sweep of Oakland.

Rich Hill pitched three-hit ball over six innings and had five strikeouts. Rafael Devers homered and drove in two runs as the Red Sox extended their winning streak to four and got back to .500 (for the first time since April 22.

The A's lost their seventh straight and fell to 7-23 at home — the worst record in the majors and the second-worst in franchise history through 30 games. The 1920 Philadelphia A's started 6-23-1 at home.

Padres 6, Brewers 4, 10 innings

In Milwaukee, Jake Cronenworth hit a three-run home run in the 10th inning and San Diego extended its winning streak to three games with a victory over Milwaukee.

Trevor Gott (1-1) pitched the 10th for Milwaukee because Josh Hader had worked the ninth after the Brewers tied the game at 3 on Kolten Wong's second home run of the game in the eighth.

Wong also led off the game with a home run. It was the only run allowed by Padres right-hander Mike Clevinger, who struck out five over three innings in his first s tart back from a two-week stint on the injured list.

The Brewers put the go-ahead run on in the ninth, but came up empty against Tim Hill (1-0).

Mariners 6, Rangers 5, 10 innings

In Arlington, Texas, Abraham Toro scored on a wild pitch by Brock Burke in the 10th inning to complete Seattle's late-game rally over Texas.

Seattle scored three in the ninth off Matt Bush, who had his third blown save this season, to tie the score 5-5. Then Toro, an automatic runner, advanced to third base on a groundout by Dylan Moore and scored on ball four to Adam Frazier from Burke (3-1).

Diego Castillo (3-0) pitched a scoreless ninth inning for Seattle, and Paul Sewald pitched a scoreless 10th to earn his fourth save in six opportunities this season.

Guardians 3, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Andrés Giménez hit a three-run homer, Zach Plesac had eight strikeouts over six innings and Cleveland beat Baltimore to win its first series at Camden Yards since 2018.

Giménez staked Cleveland to a 3-0 lead with a first-inning drive off lefty Dean Kremer (0-1) following a single and a walk. That proved to be enough of a cushion for Plesac and three relievers in a combined four-hitter.

Plesac (2-4) gave up two runs and four hits with no walks to earn his first victory in seven starts since April 27. The right-hander allowed just one single before he hit Trey Mancini with a pitch to open the fourth and Ryan Mountcastle homered to straightaway center.

White Sox 6, Rats 5

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Jake Burger had a key hit for the second consecutive day and Chicago hung on to a large early lead to beat Tampa Bay.

Burger, who had a go-ahead, two-run pinch-hit homer in the eighth inning of the White Sox's 3-2 win on Saturday, had a two-run double during Chicago's four-run first off Ryan Yarbrough (0-2).

Yasmani Grandal drove in two more on a check-swing opposite-field single to right in the first, and then Andrew Vaughn had an RBI double and Luis Robert added a run-scoring single in the second to make it 6-0.

But the Rays didn't go away, starting with Isaac Paredes hitting a solo homer in the fifth before a four-run sixth pulled Tampa Bay within 6-5. Mike Zunino connected on a two-out, two-run homer.

Pirates 3, Diamondbacks 0

In Pittsburgh, Jack Suwinski followed his game-winning homer a day earlier with three hits to help Pittsburgh beat Arizona again.

The rookie has at least one hit in his past five games, and was 7 for 12 this series.

Pittsburgh took two of three from Arizona after a three-game sweep of the Dodgers in Los Angeles.

Pirates starter Zach Thompson (3-4) allowed four hits and two walks with four strikeouts. The right-hander has surrendered seven runs in 29 2/3 innings over his past six starts. David Bednar had two strikeouts in a perfect ninth for his 10th save.

Cal Mitchell started the fifth inning with with his first major-league home run, sending Zac Gallen's cutter 370 feet over the Clemente Wall in right field and putting the Pirates up 1-0.

Nationals 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Patrick Corbin pitched six effective innings, Josh Bell had a two-run double and catcher Kelbert Ruiz picked Nick Senzel off first base to end Washington's win over Cincinnati.

Maikel Franco homered for the first time since May 14 and Washington capitalized on two fourth-inning Cincinnati errors.

Corbin (2-8) overcame nine Cincinnati hits and three first-inning runs in the first to turn in five scoreless innings. He didn't walk anybody and struck out five. Stephen Cishek made his first save since 2019, when he was with the Cubs.

Giants 5, Marlins 1

In Miami, Donovan Walton hit a grand slam and Jakob Junis pitched six innings of one-run ball in San Francisco's win over Miami.

Curt Casali had two hits and scored twice for the Giants, who split the four-game series with Miami and finished 5-5 on their three-city road trip.

Junis (3-1) limited the Marlins to two hits, walked two and struck out a season-high eight. Camilo Doval closed in the ninth.

The Giants stranded four runners through the first three innings before Walton's slam put them ahead 4-0 in the fourth. Miami starter Braxton Garrett (0-1) was lifted after Walton's shot. Recalled from Triple-A Jacksonville before the game, Garrett allowed four runs and four hits in 3 1/3 innings.

Astros 7, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Mo., Yordan Álvarez hit his 16th home run of the season and Framber Valdez won his fifth straight start for Houston, which beat Kansas City.

Álvarez extended his hitting streak to seven games.

Valdez (6-2) allowed only a third-inning leadoff single before the Royals got on the board in the sixth. Valdez went six innings, allowing two runs on four hits, walking three and striking out five. Rafael Montero got his fourth save.

Salvador Perez had a home run and RBI double for the Royals.

Jonathan Heasley (0-3) was given the loss for the Royals.

Rafael Nadal wins his 14th French Open championship

PARIS (AP)—Rafael Nadal pulled away to beat Casper Ruud 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in the French Open final on Sunday for his 14th championship at Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam title overall, adding to two records he already owned.

Nadal's victory came two days after his 36th birthday and made him the oldest title winner in the history of the clay-court tournament.

Ruud led 3-1 in the second set, a deficit that spurred Nadal to raise his level — he took the last 11 games.

Nadal played so crisply and cleanly, accumulating more than twice as many winners as Ruud, 37 to 16. Nadal also committed fewer unforced errors, making just 16 to Ruud's 26.

When it ended with a down-the-line backhand from Nadal, he chucked his racket to the red clay he loves so much and covered his face with the taped-up fingers on both of his hands.

The Spaniard's first triumph in Paris came in 2005 at age 19. No man or woman ever has won the singles trophy at any major event more than his 14 in Paris. And no man has won more Grand Slam titles than Nadal.

He is two ahead of rivals Roger Federer, who hasn't played in almost a year after a series of knee operations, and Novak Djokovic, who missed the Australian Open in January because he is not vaccinated against COVID-19 and lost to Nadal at Roland Garros.

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Spain's Rafael Nadal bites the trophy after winning the final match against Norway's Casper Ruud in three sets, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0, at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Given his age, and, of more concern, the chronic pain in his left foot that has been an off-and-on problem for years, Nadal has said repeatedly in recent days that he can never be sure whether each match at Court Philippe Chatrier might be his last.

Doesn't really seem much reason to quit now, though, considering that he navigated his way past four French Open opponents ranked in the top 10 (No. 9 Felix Auger-Aliassime in the fourth round, No. 1 Djokovic in the quarterfinals, No. 3 Alexander Zverev — who stopped because of a foot injury — in the semifinals, and then No. 8 Ruud).

Nadal improved to 14-0 in finals at Roland Garros and 112-3 overall at his favorite tournament.

For all that he has accomplished already, Nadal now has done something he never managed previously: He is halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam thanks to titles at the Australian Open and French Open in the same season.

Ruud is a 23-year-old from Norway who was participating in a Grand Slam final for the first time. He'd never even played in a major quarterfinal until now.

He considers Nadal his idol. He recalls watching all of Nadal's past finals in Paris on TV. He has trained at Nadal's tennis academy in Mallorca.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	39	15	.722	_
Toronto	31	22	.585	7½
Tampa Bay	31	23	.574	8
Boston	27	27	.500	12
Baltimore	23	33	.411	17

Central Division

Minnesota	32	24	.571	_
Cleveland	24	25	.490	4½
Chicago	25	27	.481	5
Detroit	21	33	.389	10
Kansas City	17	35	.327	13

West Division

Houston	35	19	.648	_
Los Angeles	27	28	.491	8½
Texas	25	28	.472	9½
Seattle	24	30	.444	11
Oakland	20	36	.357	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	37	19	.661	_
Atlanta	28	27	.509	8½
Philadelphia	25	29	.463	11
Miami	22	30	.423	13
Washington	21	35	.375	16

Central Division

Milwaukee	33	23	.589	_
St. Louis	32	23	.582	½
Pittsburgh	24	28	.462	7
Chicago	23	32	.418	9½
Cincinnati	18	35	.340	13½

West Division

Los Angeles	35	19	.648	_
San Diego	33	21	.611	2
San Francisco	29	24	.547	5½
Arizona	26	29	.473	9½
Colorado	23	31	.426	12

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held every four years.

There are two athletes on each side in the shape of a Marianas historical icon, the latte stone, holding up the mwaar above and "reaching for excellence," said Marianas Games Organizing Committee CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta about the logo.

There is another athlete in the middle of the logo also striving for excellence and is outlined with an outrigger canoe shape, a call to voyaging and the Pacific maritime heritage. There are also fourteen white spaces in the outrigger which symbolize the 14 islands of the Northern Marianas

At the bottom of the design shows a wave with three dots, which is the logo of the Pacific Games Council, and is "all inclusive" of all the countries participating in the event, said Babauta.

Finally, as the CNMI is the host of this year's Games, on the back of the medals is the official seal of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Camacho was recognized in the one-year countdown for the Games last year for his winning design and has been given an all-access pass to the Mini Games this June.

The medal design was given to an off-island company to produce the over 900 medals together with its clam shell casing in time for the Mini Games. According to Babauta, it cost about $15,000 to $20,000, "because it's quite heavy and it's personalized. And because time is of the essence. We spent a little bit on the airfreight to make sure that we have it on hand before the Games. So yes, we do have the medals for the Games. That's the important thing. And we did get extras just in case and at least we have something also to present as a memento to our government officials and Pacific Games Council executive board."

Separately, Babauta said that each sport's winners will be receiving medals based on the different disciplines. He said for the athletics event, there will be about 60 gold, 60 silver, and 60 bronze medal awardees. The biggest sport will be weightlifting, which is expected to give about 180 medals to the first, second, and third place winners. As for team sports like baseball, each member of the winning teams will get a medal as well.

Along with the medals, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has announced cash incentives for CNMI athletes who receive gold, silver, or bronze in their respective sports.

A cash incentive of $5,000 will be given to gold medalists, $2,500 to silver medalists, and $1,000 to bronze medalists in team and individual sports. Torres will also award $1,000 to each member of a team that will win gold medals in their respective team events. Individual event gold medalists will also get an additional $1,000.

Babauta added that there are a lot of incentives for the hard-working CNMI national teams that went through months of practice, long hours, and sleepless nights to represent the CNMI in the Games.

"But at the end of the day, everyone's a winner whoever is participating in the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games, because that's what it's all about. Getting the Pacific islands together, sharing their culture, and also just collaborating… in a sports environment," he said.

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The Fordham University track varsity will try her hand—or more precisely her feet—in the 10K and 5K events.

For Tiana Cabrera, the Oceania Athletics Championships serves as only the second off-island meet for the Saipan International School student following her stint in the Asia Pacific Cross Country Championships in Japan in 2019.

"I am so blessed and grateful to represent the Northern Mariana Islands and it's an honor to be able to compete in Australia. I am excited, but nervous and overwhelmed because I'm the youngest in the group of CNMI, but I have no expectations but to get out there and do my best!"

Orrin Pharmin, who will suit up in the masters events, said he's using the Oceania Athletics Championships as a warm-up for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 happening later this month.

He's officially entered in eight events in Mackay—the 100m, 400m, 110m hurdles, javelin, shotput, high jump, 60m, and 200m.

CNMI National Athletics coach Dr. Ron Snyder said soon after the team arrived in Australia they were able to practice on a river path. He said Tan ran 5 miles, Cabrera did a 5K, while Pharmin and Mancao stretched their legs with a 3K.

In their first stop in Guam, the team was also able to do some training at the John F. Kennedy High School track before proceeding to Manila, Philippines for their connecting flight to Australia.

All in all, Snyder said Team CNMI is ready for the 2022 Oceania Athletics Championships.

"The weather is great… it's in the mid-70s and sunny… Morale is good… We ate dinner last night with the teams from the island federations," he said.

Aside from Tan, Cabrera, Mancao, and Pharmin, the other members of Team CNMI are Lia Rangamar and Zari Sapong. Sapong is entered in the 100m and 200m, while Rangamar inherits one of her mother's favorite events the javelin.

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team has been working really hard for this moment.

"I want to give a big thanks to my family who has sacrificed a lot," added Andrew.

Women's national paddler Kaya Rasa said she is also nervous and excited. "We have a lot to deliver but we will give our best. This sport is all about teamwork so I feel like if we apply that together, we will be able to place," she said.

Rasa's teammate, Vinalynn Oronigo, also admitted to having butterflies in her stomach. "I am nervous because this is my first big game and I never competed in such a big event besides school events."

For fellow women's national paddler Mayiah Duenas, the CNMI's strength is that the Mini Games is being held in home waters. " We definitely have an advantage because we know what our waters are like."

Men's national paddler Carter Calma said aside from the overwhelming support of the home crowd, one thing going for the men's *va'a* team is that they are made up of a lot of experienced paddlers.

"Our coach here is pushing us to our potential and the expectation for the team is to get first place," he said.

With the date for the Mini Games getting closer, Calma wants everyone to focus on their practices. He also extended his thanks to his beloved family, the community, and the government that has really supported the canoe federation.

Last month, the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation finalized the 28-person CNMI National Outrigger Canoe Team for the Mini Games

Aside from Calma, the 14-paddler men's crew is made up of Joshua Andrew, Timothy Asaivao, Rodney Camacho, Michael Fleming III, William Grow II, Maverick Itibus, Ketson Kabiriel, James Lee, Benusto Olopai, Jose Quan, Richard Salas, Jovano Taitano, and Jason Tarkong.

The women's team includes the aforementioned Rasa, Oronigo, and Duenas as well as Victoria Aldan, Heather Calderwood, Danica Calvo, Rica Concepcion, Erryne Dasalla, Jenisha Dubrall, Gerlyn Libunao, Elaine Sablan, Sharleen Sablan, Teresa Sablan, and Elizabeth Tenorio.

With 182 athletes, the sport of *va'a* has the second most entries for the Mini Games after athletics (329). New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, and the CNMI have the most paddlers with 28 apiece, followed by Guam with 24, Wallis & Futuna with 20, Tahiti with eight, Fiji with six, Norfolk Island with three, Cook Islands with two, and Palau with one.

Competition for *va'a* will be held in the waters off the 13 Fishermen Monument Beach from June 20 to 24. ***(Jinkim Abogado)***

Warriors answer in Game 2, top Celtics to even Finals

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Over 900 medals on hand for Mini Games

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The 2022 Pacific Mini Games is undoubtedly history in the making for the Northern Marianas, as it will be the first time the islands will be hosting such an event, and with it, the logo is donned all around the CNMI in flags, banners, and advertisements, which is recognizable from afar and is etched onto the 300 gold, 300 silver, and 300 bronze medals that the winners of each event will take to their home country with them.

This piece of the CNMI that will be adorned in winning athlete's award cases at home was created by Kadi Marshal Y. Camacho, who is a biology teacher at Marianas High School. His design for the logo was chosen out of a couple other designs back in 2017.

The design of the logo, starting off with the mwaar represent the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Marianas. The 11 flowers on it signifies the 11th Pacific Mini Games held since its inception in 1981, in the Solomon Islands, which is

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The silver, gold, and bronze medals are shown etched with the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games logo created by Kadi Marshal Y. Camacho, in their deep blue clam shell casing

Team CNMI stoked to compete in Oceania Championships

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The CNMI National Athletics Team, from left, Zarinae Sapong, Liamwar Rangamar, Michael Mancao, Tiana Cabrera, and Tani Tan after their first practice in Mackay, Australia yesterday.

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The CNMI National Athletics Team will start their campaign in the 2022 Oceania Athletics Championships in Mackay, Australia today and all of them are excited for the opportunity to compete in a regional event again after the COVID-19 pandemic essentially limited them to local meets the past couple of years.

Michael Mancao, who will compete in the steeplechase and 800m, said he's honored to represent the CNMI in this year's Oceania Athletics Championships.

"I had a very exciting and nervous day today. I was able to try out the track in Mackay and it feels good. I'm still trying to get use to the weather, but other than that everything was awesome. I'm so honored to be selected to be on this trip and to be competing in the high level of competition. I'm expecting to lower my times for the 800m and try my best on the 3000m steeplechase," he said.

Like Mancao, Tania Tan thanked Northern Marianas Athletics for choosing her to compete in the 2022 Oceania Athletics Championships.

"I'm very grateful to have this opportunity to come to Australia to compete. It's always an honor competing for our islands so I'm just going to do my best! I know the competition is much higher in this meet, since it is the Oceania Champs so I'm just hoping to race well and set a new personal best," she said.

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Paddlers excited, nervous as Mini Games near

Members of the CNMI National Outrigger Canoe Team are experiencing excitement and a tinge of nervousness as the opening day of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 draws closer.

Va'a national coach Justin Andrew said both the men's and women's teams have been practicing vigorously two hours a day, six times a week from Monday to Saturday in the waters off Kilili Beach as they ramp up their training for the quadrennial event.

He admitted that he feels a bit nervous because of the off-island teams coming in that includes world-record holder Tahiti. At the same time, however, he said he's excited because the national

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Members of the CNMI National Outrigger Canoe Team go back to shore after a dry run of the va'a course for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 a couple of weeks ago in the waters off the 13 Fishermen Monument Beach.